

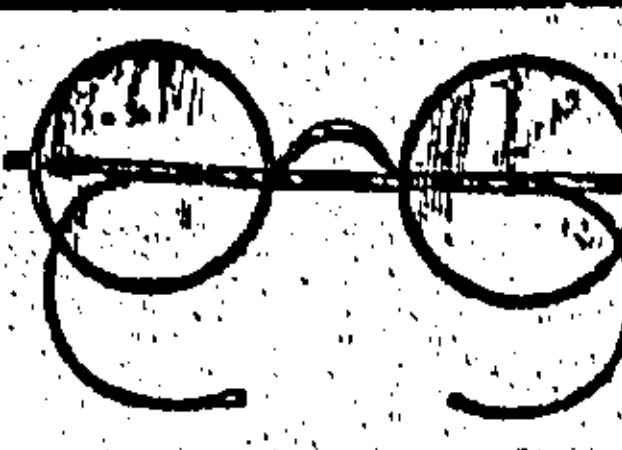
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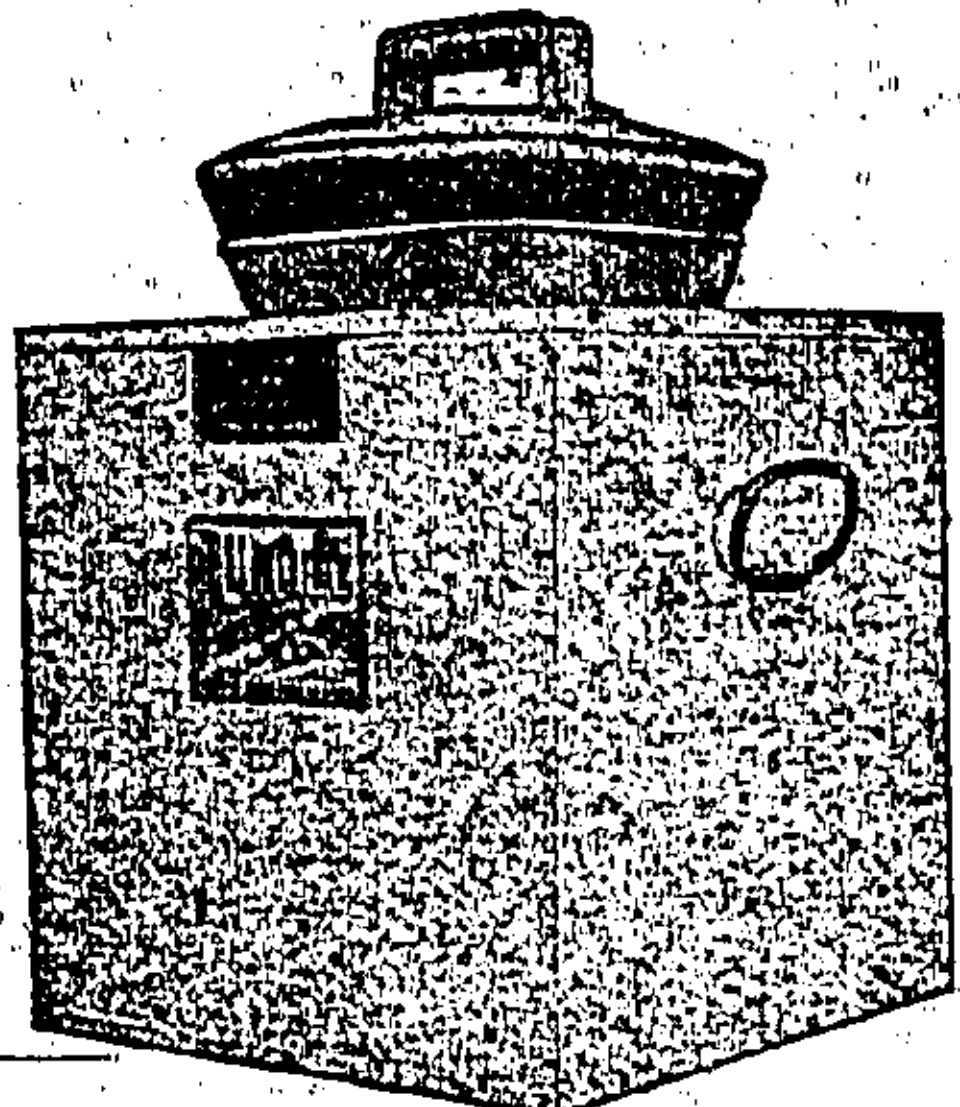
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THE TORRID TRAIL TO MECCA.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS VISIT SACRED CITY.

CHRISTIANS AND JEWS DARE NOT ENTER HOLY SHRINE.

(UNITED PRESS.)

The annual pilgrimage is starting over the long cruel road to Mecca. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, some in small independent bands, others in the main caravans, are making their way over the Arabian desert to the sacred city. Some will drop dead, overcome by excitement, when they finally reach the holy of all holies, the House of God. Others will die on the way from thirst, starvation, disease, or by the hand of the desert's brigand bands.

The first of the pilgrims are already arriving in Mecca and at least 250,000 of the faithful will eventually gather there, surviving their less fortunate brethren whose bones will be scattered and bleached along the torrid trail.

Two Main Pilgrimages.

Two main pilgrimages start to Mecca, one from Damascus and the other from Cairo. They are joined by Moslems of all colours, Chinese and negroes from the heart of Africa, light skinned Moslems from the Caucasus, chocolate coloured Moslems from Arabia, black Moslems from Abyssinia. Very often the Arabic spoken by one is entirely unintelligible to his neighbour, which leads to either laughter or fighting. Blood is absorbed easily by the golden sands. Pilgrims come from Anatolia, Kurdistan, Mesopotamia, Syria. A smaller pilgrimage starts from Suk-esh-Sheikh on the lower Euphrates. Nubians add to the babel at Yambu, Indians and Malays join at Jidda; other pilgrims come from Yemen and Nejd.

Some come on foot from Tibet, meaning at least two months' walk across northern India, Afghanistan, Persia, to join the trek over the Arabian desert. Others make part of the journey by sea from Suez or Aden. Some of the less faithful use a railway for part of the journey, but this is considered wicked by the strict Moslems. The further a pilgrim walks, the better his duty is fulfilled. The routes to Mecca are well known and the larger caravans have an official commander and a military guard, but sometimes even they are led into danger by the Bedouin guides, who get them out of the same danger for a certain consideration.

Caravans Trek At Night.

The pilgrimage takes place during the hottest season of the year. After a few days on the trail the excitement and fatigue of the marchers make organization and

order hard to maintain. Camels, bearing food and water, move slowly through the desert night for the heat is too intense for travel during the day. Tired, dirty, hungry, some bleeding from the physical hardships of the long march or from wounds received along the way, the "Kajjis" push on toward the reward of the faithful.

He who has performed the pilgrimage has seen miracles and wonders. Allah is to be praised that my eyes have seen it. The words of Hajji Amin Al Khalifa reflect the feelings of thousands of his countrymen. An Arab saves money for two purposes only. One is to buy a wife, the other to go on the pilgrimage to Mecca. A wife will bring sons who will assure the father immortality. Pi' pilgrimage will make certain his place in Paradise where "there is eating and drinking and all good things and where almond-eyed maidens wait upon you." A pilgrim is cleared of his crimes and sins and cannot avoid being among the elect in Paradise.

"Ho, Moslem," cries an old blind pilgrim to a group of the faithful starting on the long and dangerous road, "spend freely on your way. Give alms, Allah will reward you. If they ask you little give much. If they ask you much give to overflowing. Allah will reward you here and hereafter. Beggars, carriers, water carriers, bread sellers will give little and charge much to the pilgrim but he willingly throws his money on the road to Mecca.

The Call to Prayers.

Finally the faithful approach the holy shrine. Out of the desert the pilgrim drops into Mecca. At dawn he is awakened by the call to prayer, a wailing chant "Allah Akbar! Allah Akbar! Ashadu an la illah ill Allah." He washes before he prays. Bending low and muttering "In God's Name" the pilgrim enters the sacred mosque and passes into the Sacred Enclosure through a narrow gate. He wears a special pilgrim's garb, the Ihram garment reminiscent of the robe of the ancient Arabs, and removes his sandals before stepping on the holy ground.

This is the spot of which the pilgrim has dreamed so long. The House of God, the famous Kaaba, where Abraham visited his son Ishmael. A great black stone, its worship dating back to the time long before Mohammed when stone worship was still common. Tens of thousands of excited pilgrims pass seven times round the Kaaba, three times running, four times slowly.

They must touch the stone, feel it, fondle it. It is covered by a marvelous mantle, made by hand. "W'Allah, Grant us all good things in this life," murmur the pilgrims. "grant us all good things in the life hereafter. Save us from the punishment of fire! W'Allah, W'Allah. He who goes 'round the Kaaba is like an angel who walks 'round the throne of Allah."

The pilgrim now goes to the well mysterious, the Zemzem. The water is warm and gritty but the pilgrim drinks. When he sees the two green stones near the Zemzem he breaks into a run. This serves to remind him of Hagar's running about to find water for Ishmael, father of all Moslems. The pilgrim must have his hair cut immediately after the running. There are a number of barbers ready to cut the Hajji's hair.

The Sermon on the Hill.

There are four more days of the pilgrimage and if the Hajj is to be performed fully and properly the pilgrim still wears the Ihram garment. Part of the Hajj is the visit to Arafa, performed on camel in complete silence. No one talks, no one laughs, in contrast with the bawling along the holy trail. On the Day of Arafa all must wash from head to foot. At midday comes the essential part of the pilgrimage, the Sermon on the Hill.

Whether they can hear or not, the pilgrims shout praises, scream, cry. At the end of the sermon they rush down the Hill and start back to their homes. At Mina they throw seven stones at the Devil. (May Allah curse him) and kill their sacrificial lambs. Part is eaten and part given to the poor. Now all "prohibitions" become lawful except the use of scent or association with women, even one's wife. Last of all comes the Towaf ai, Ifadha, the Going Away.

No Christian or Jew dare enter Mecca. "It is not possible, habibi," says an Arab to a disbeliever, "for you to go to Mecca if you had one hundred disguises. Allah would penetrate them. If you had one thousand, Allah would tear them off. And if you reached the gates of Mecca alive—one foot in, you would fall dead." A trespasser discovered attempting to enter the holy city, or actually found within its gates, would be torn to pieces. Half a dozen European travellers have entered Mecca and lived to write about their experiences during the past century.

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day. (April 29.)

Tennis: F. Aragon v. G. Lum.
Queen's Theatre: "Melody Lane."
World Theatre: "The Fire Brigade."
Star Theatre: "While the City Sleeps" and at 9.15 p.m. Ruth Van Valley presents "The New Yorkers."
Majestic Theatre: "The Spotlight."
Helena May Concert, 5.30 p.m.
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula, and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

European Mails: Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Cutchai), 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday.
(April 30.)

Hockey: Club v. H.K.S.R.A.
U.S.R.C. ground.

Tennis: G. Lum and F. Aragon v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.

Football: Div. II. University
v. Ewe, Chinese "B" v. St.
Joseph's; Kowloon v. Club, Somer-
sets v. Chinese "A." South China
"A" v. South China "B."

Queen's Theatre: "Melody Lane."
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Macao Electric Lighting Com-
pany's Annual Meeting, Prince's
Building, 12 noon.

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
European Mails: Inward: Europe via Negapatam (Antenor). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Empress of Asia), 20 a.m.

Thursday. (May 1.)

Queen's Theatre: "Untamed."
World Theatre: "Magician" (Chinese film "The Juvenile Hero" at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.).
Star Theatre: "Red Dance."

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 4.30 p.m.
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European Mails: Outward: Europe via Siberia (Asama Maru), 8.30 a.m.

Friday. (May 2.)

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Star Theatre: "Red Dance."
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CALIFORNIAN BAN ON CARNERA.

ALLEGED RIGGING OF RECENT BOUT.

[UNITED PRESS.]

San Francisco, Cal., April 22.—The California State Boxing Commission issued an order to-day forbidding forever the Italian heavy-weight boxer Carnera to appear in matches in California. The action followed Carnera's strange victory over Chevalier here last week, and Chevalier's testimony that he was threatened with injury if he did not "throw" the match.

The Commission also revoked the license granted to Carnera's manager, Duffy See, and suspended indefinitely his western representative, Frank Churchill, and his attendant McGrath and two seconds who were in his corner at the Chevalier fight.

Another Knock-out.

Portland, Ore., April 22.—The Italian heavyweight boxer Carnera defeated the American, Sam Baker, by a knockout in the first round of their match here to-night.

Victory for La Barba.

Chicago, April 22.—Fidel La Barba won a decision over Bud Taylor in their match here to-night after all but losing the fight in the first round. Taylor floored La Barba shortly after the bell starting the match and La Barba remained "down" for the count of seven. He was badly dazed as he came up but was able to cover up and weather the round. From the second round on La Barba took the lead and won the decision.

"NICK" LONGWORTH ATTACKED.

REPS' SPEAKER ACCUSED OF BEING TYRANT.

[UNITED PRESS.]

Washington, April 21.—The vice-President of the Republic and President of the Senate, Mr. Charles Curtis, ruled to-day that members of the upper house of Congress had a right to talk about members of the lower house "as they may please."

Following the ruling Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, a member of the insurgent Republican group, delivered an impassioned speech in which he characterized the speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, as a "tyrant," for

(Continued on next column.)

CHINESE OFFICIAL ANGERED.

CONSUL AND U.S. OFFICIAL

[UNITED PRESS.]

San Pedro, Cal., April 22.—When the Nippon Yusen Kaisha str. Chichibu Maru arrived here yesterday, officials of the immigration service asserted the papers of the Chinese Consul, Chun Kung Chan, were irregular and requested him, to visit the immigration office to straighten out the difficulties. The Consul refused to do so, declaring it improper to ask the representative of a foreign government to visit an "immigration gaol."

The Consul said he was born in Hawaii and had the right to claim United States citizenship. He remained aboard the ship during the night.

Later Mr. C. G. Gately, chief inspector of the immigration service here, expressed his opinion that Mr. Chan was an American citizen and also that his papers were in entirely proper order. He said he was unable to understand, however, why the consul should refuse to accompany officials to the immigration office, where they wished to ask him formally whether he was returning to the United States as an American citizen or as the representative of a foreign government.

Meanwhile Mr. Chan still remained aboard the Chichibu Maru and officials said they hoped to question him during to-day.

LATER.—The immigration authorities, announced this evening that they have referred the case of the citizenship and diplomatic status of Mr. Chun Kung Chan to the State Department in Washington for a decision. Meanwhile Mr. Chan is being detained here.

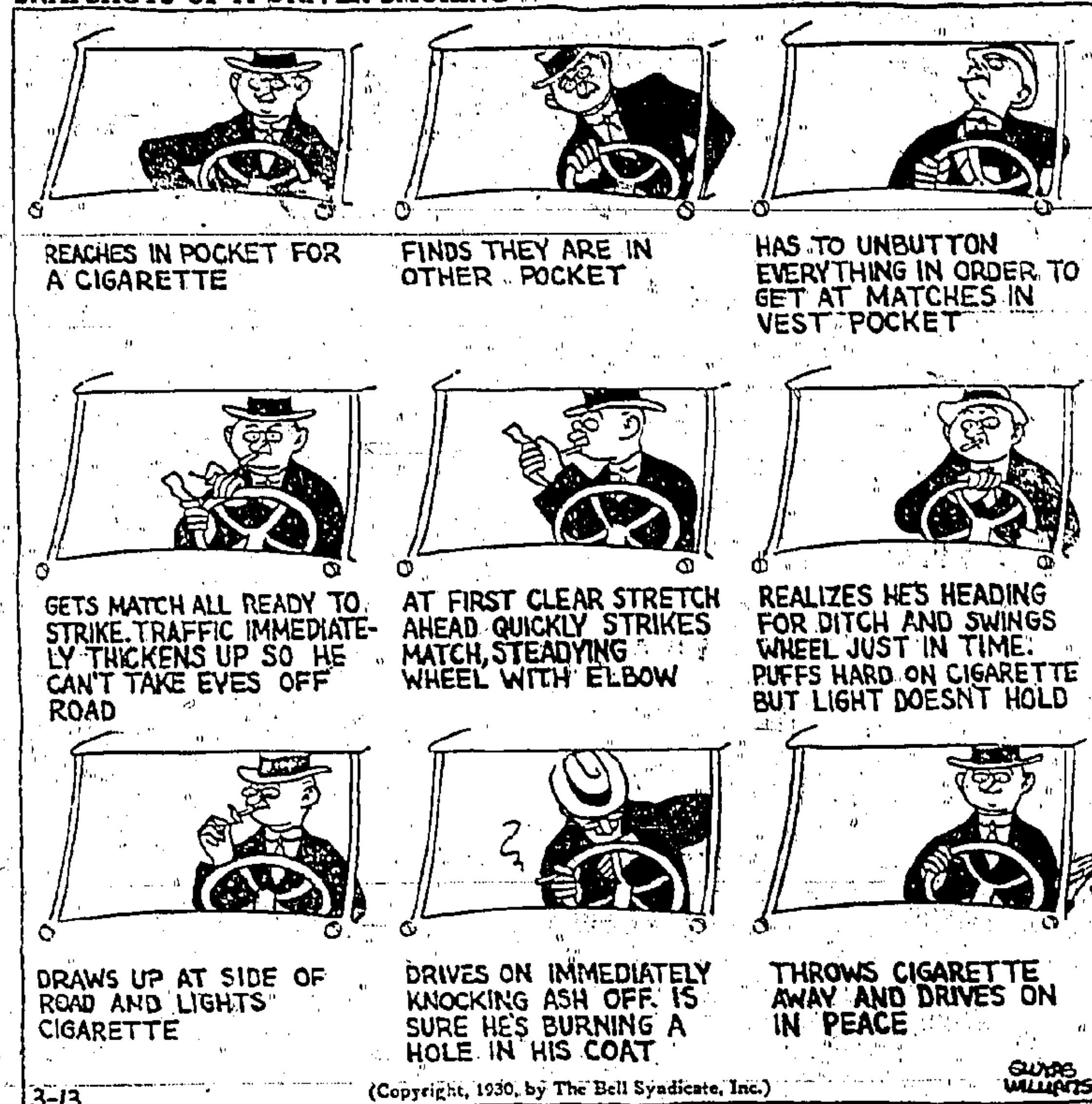
delaying a vote in the lower house on the Norris "Lame Duck resolution" for 10 months.

"The Republic is gone if a tyrant uses his power to hold up legislation," Senator Norris said. "The Speaker of the House should not have the right to nullify the will of 180,000,000 people. If Mr. Longworth's rule should apply we should have two monarchies in this country—one in the Senate and the other in the House of Representatives. A few men could hold up legislation at their own sweet will."

Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, daughter of the late famous ex-President, was in the gallery and heard Senator Norris' denunciation of her husband with a smile.

SNAPSHOTS OF A DRIVER SMOKING

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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LONDON PACIFISTS.

MR. SHEARER'S DESIRE FOR INVESTIGATION.

[UNITED PRESS.]

Washington, April 21.—Mr. William Shearer, who confessed to an investigation committee of the Senate that he worked for a bigger United States Navy during the Geneva naval limitation conference, to-day sent a letter to Senator Samuel M. Shortridge of California demanding a senatorial investigation of "Pacifists," who "have embarrassed the United States Delegation at the Five Power Naval Conference in London."

The pacifists, Mr. Shearer said, had deliberately disturbed the American delegation headed by the Secretary of State, Cal Stimson, in London, and had clearly indicated their complete ignorance of the necessities of national de-

fence.

"Since I was investigated by a Senate committee for doing nothing more than what I considered a patriotic duty in upholding the policies of the American government at Geneva," the propagandist wrote, "I believe that those who are opposed to the policies of the people and the welfare of the nation also should be the subject of senatorial scrutiny."

Mr. Shearer suggested that the upper house of Congress should appoint a special committee "to learn who appeared at London for the pacifists, to reveal their entire lives, to learn their nationalities and to determine from what sources they derived their income."

The Senate went into the smallest detail of his activity at Geneva, the propagandist asserted, and in fairness should do the same with regard to those who forced their influence on the American delegates at the conference, now closing in London.

POOR BUSINESS IN COPPER.

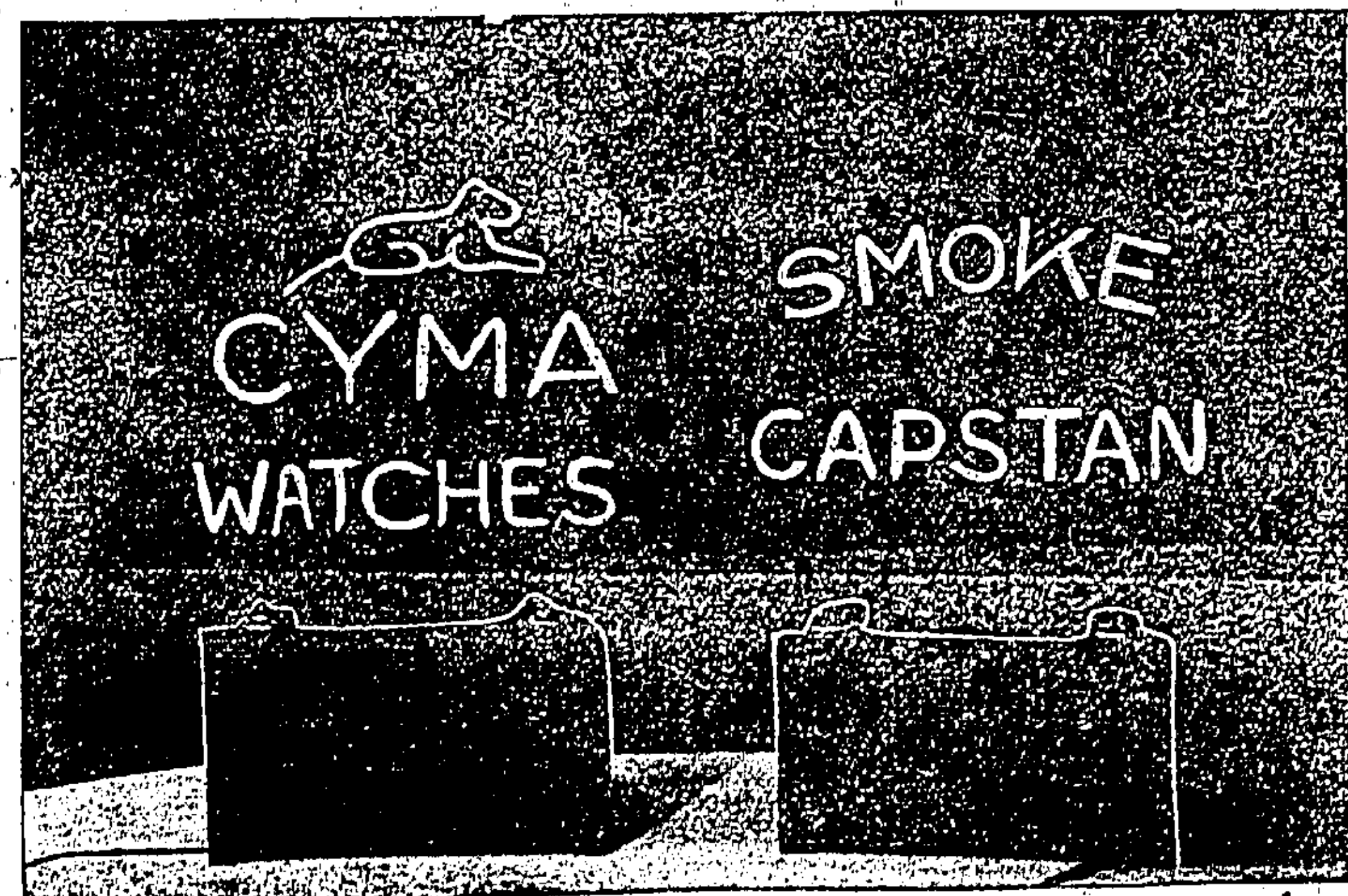
REDUCTION OF WAGES BY U.S. COMPANY.

[UNITED PRESS.]

Butte, Mont., April 23.—The Anaconda Copper Co., largest employer of labour in the state, to-day reduced wages by 25 cents a day because of the low price of domestic and export copper and generally poor business.

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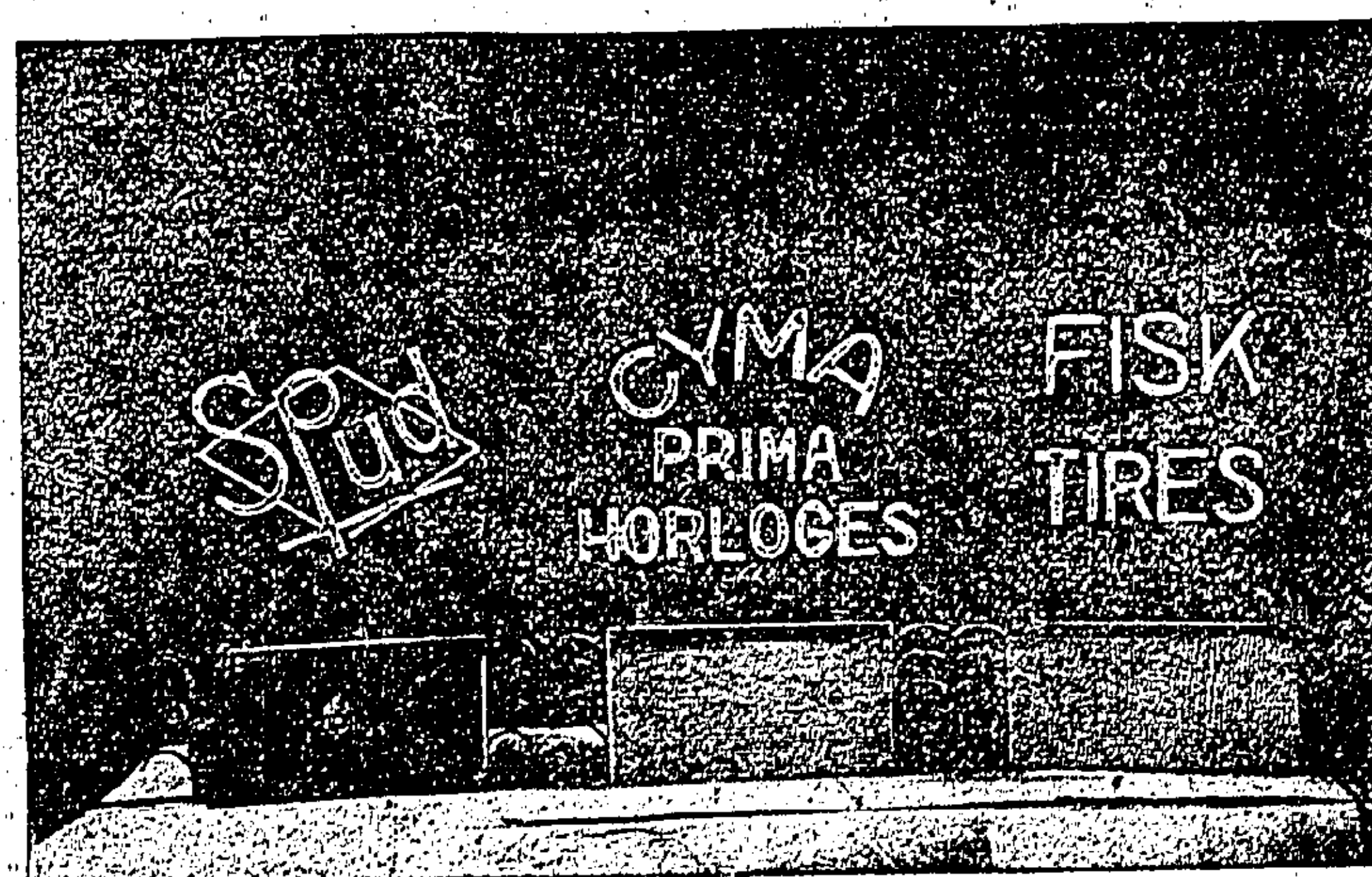
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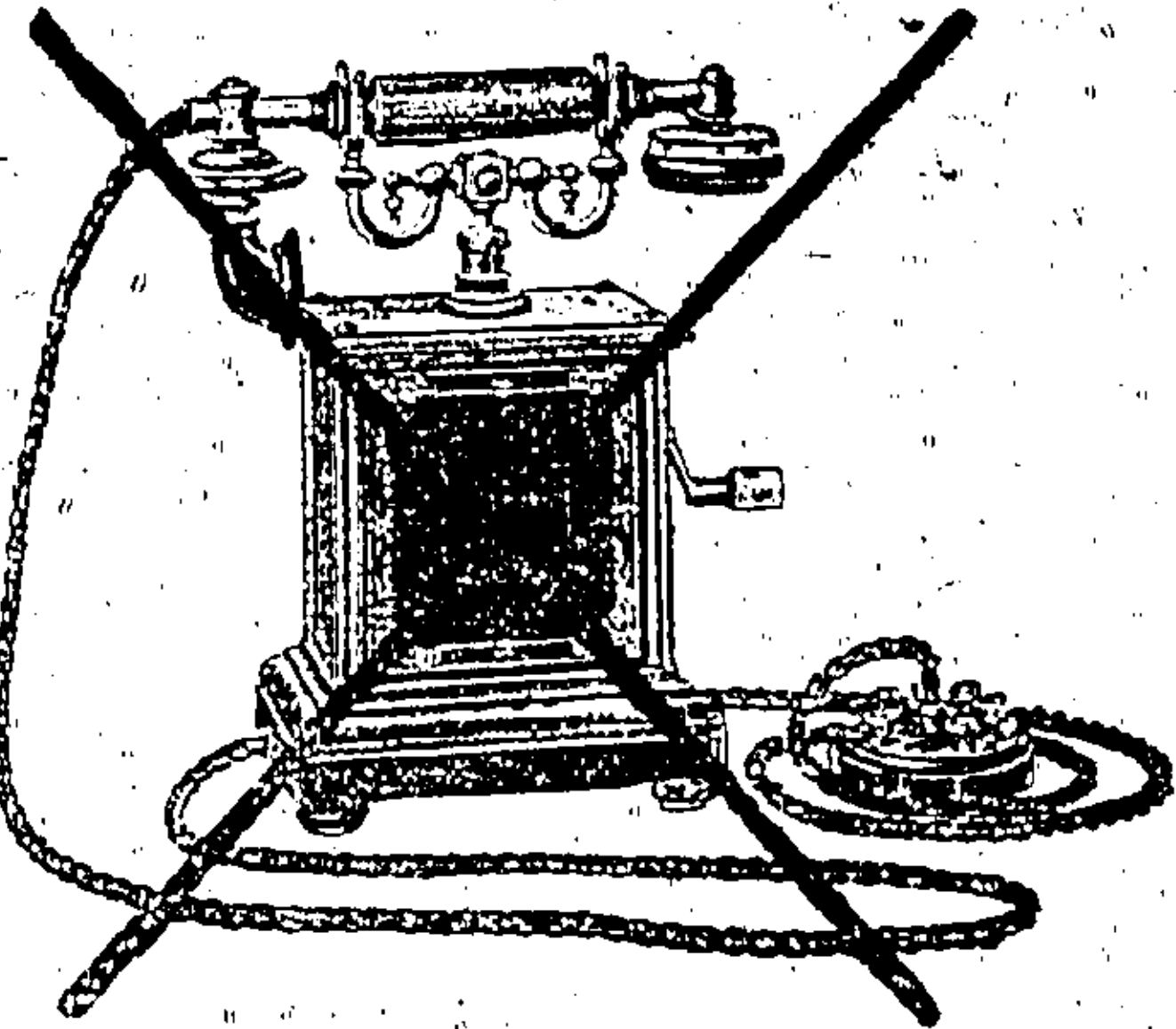
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[UNITED PRESS.]

Tokyo, April 16.—Photo-static copies of documents in which are written the earliest history of Japan's relations with America are now the treasured possessions of the Imperial University here. They were presented to Dr. Onozuka, president of the University, by Mr. William R. Castle, Jr., the American Ambassador, at a ceremony which was attended by high Japanese Government officials, including the Ministers of Education and Foreign Affairs, and by leading members of the American colony in Tokyo.

The documents, which were sent to Japan by the State Department in Washington, consist of photo-static copies of the treaty of Kanagawa, signed in 1854 by Commodore Perry, and of the treaty of 1858, which was signed on behalf of the United States Government by Townsend Harris, the first American Consul-General in Japan. There is also an original copy, yellowed by age, of the Shimoda convention of 1857, which was also signed by Townsend Harris.

The photo-static copies of the Kanagawa treaty contain signed documents in Japanese and English, with translations in Dutch and Chinese attached. The Shimoda convention also has a Dutch translation attached. The Dutch being the only Europeans allowed to carry on trade with the Japanese until the arrival of Commodore Perry. This original copy was in the possession of the American Embassy here. The copies were secured from the State Department through the efforts of Mr. Eugene M. Dooman, First Secretary of the American Embassy. The Imperial University Library possesses an original copy of the Kanagawa treaty, but it was so badly scorched in the great fire of September, 1923, as to be practically illegible.

HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

[ORDERS BY MR. H. E. D. C. WOLFE, INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.]

General.

Revolver Practice.—The regular weekly revolver practice (voluntary) will take place at the Bowen Road Revolver Range on Wednesday, April 30, from 9 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. It will be open to all ranks of the Hong Kong Police, Special Constables, and all persons holding permits to carry arms and also to the 'Sharpshooters' Company, Hong Kong Police Reserve.

Police Training School.

The weekly classes for Police Recruits at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held on Tuesday, April 29, at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese and Indian Companies and Flying Squad will have not yet passed Part II of Training Course are requested to attend.

Squad Drill.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies, and of the Flying Squad will attend at Central Police Station for Squad Drill, on Thursday, May 1, at 5.30 p.m. under P/Sergt. Hunt. Dress: Mufti.

Chinese Company.

Handling of Revolver.—Instruction in aiming, correct grip, and trigger pressing will be given at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday evening, April 30, at 8 p.m.

Indian Company.

Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, May 6, for drill under P/Sergt. R. J. Hunt. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: White uniform, belt and cap with white cover. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, April 29. Fall in at the Tsimshatsui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki uniform and cap with khaki cover.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday, May 2. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki uniform and cap with khaki cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Strength.—Constables R415 Raymond, R423 C. L. Gan have been taken on the strength of the Sharpshooters' Company as from April 23 and 24, respectively.

Revolver Practice.—Members of the Company will carry out revolver practice at the Bowen Road Range on Wednesday evening, April 30, from 21 to 23 hours.

Rifle Practice.—The regular monthly practice will take place on the Sharpshooters' Range, on Sunday, May 5, at 9 a.m. sharp. Members will leave Railway Pier, Kowloon, at 9.30 a.m. sharp. Members will bring their rifles. Uniform optional. (Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R.).

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Are you on friendly terms with your oven? Many housewives seem to regard their ovens as bad-tempered monsters that take fiendish delight in spoiling their best efforts at cookery. With the result that they use the oven as little as possible and use only the top of the stove.

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This is a mistake, since oven cooking has many advantages over top-cooking. Food cooked in the oven requires less constant watching when once the right temperature has been reached. Also, a complete meal can be cooked at one time, and often oddments such as cakes and scones can be cooked on a spare shelf.

And most important of all, the foods have a decidedly better flavour when cooked in the oven.

But to get the best value out of your oven you must know how to control it and humour it. It is no use trusting to instinct to tell you when the oven is "just right" for certain foods.

Testing The Oven.

I have come across housewives who have their own pet methods of testing their ovens. Indeed, an experienced cook can tell simply by placing her hand inside the oven just when it is hot enough.

Then there is the time-honoured method of using flour or a piece of paper. If, at the end of three or four minutes, the paper is biscuit colour, the oven is moderately hot, if it is golden brown it is hot, while if almost black it is very hot indeed—too hot in fact for ordinary cooking.

But for the inexperienced cook these methods are too vague and unsatisfactory. She will be much wiser to pin her faith to a thermometer or an oven register.

Near the Flame.

It is never safe to judge by feeling, for some of us have more sensitive hands than others. But with a thermometer there can be no mistake. A thermometer can be bought to serve every household cooking need, registering from 100 to 600 degrees. Baking is never done at degrees nor lower than 200 or 250 degrees.

For the sake of economy in time and fuel it is wise to arrange meals with dishes requiring the same oven temperature. Many cooks have the idea that the greatest heat is near the gas flame, whereas the heat rises, and the top of the oven is hottest, and therefore best for browning.

Different kinds of cakes require different temperatures and times for cooking. A cake without butter requires a lower temperature than a cake with butter, for the reason that a butterless cake contains a larger number of eggs in proportion to the flour and the eggs are toughened in a high temperature. That is the reason why a sponge cake cooked in too hot an oven is dried up and tough.

A temperature of 320 to 345 degrees Fahrenheit is usually right for a well-risen really spongy sponge cake. A sponge cake very much resents having the oven door opened during cooking, and will promptly fall if the door is opened too soon.

Pastry requires a hot oven—450 to 500 degrees. Meat requires a high temperature for the first ten minutes, 400 to 450 degrees, and then a lower temperature, about 350 degrees, to finish.

Apt to be Soggy.

With roast meat have vegetables that can be cooked in the oven at the same time. The same with fish. Baked potatoes are suitable for cooking this way, as they require the same temperature as roast meat.

But do not try to have roast potatoes with meat that requires slow cooking, or they will be apt to be soggy. For slow cooking, have the potatoes cooked in a covered dish with milk, since they take a long time to cook this way, and the milk will not curdle in a low temperature.

Halibut steak, baked potatoes, baked apples can be cooked in one temperature—400 degrees. Put the potatoes in first; if of medium size they will cook in forty minutes. Put the fish in immediately it has been prepared after putting in the potatoes. The baked apples should be put in half an hour before the meal is to be served.

Another lunch or dinner of baked ham, rice pudding, creamed carrots can be baked at one temperature—325 to 375 degrees. The sliced ham will take an hour to an hour and a half.

Even-Temperature Meals.

The rice should first be boiled in a little water to break the outer shell, and then put into a pudding dish with the milk; the creamed carrots are cooked in a casserole with milk and water to cover, and when soft a little flour and milk is used to thicken the liquid.

Many such dinners can be planned, requiring little attention, by the housewife who learns the secrets of her oven.

HUMOUR: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Victim: "Hey! You've nicked my face in six places!"
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The soldiers marched to the church and halted in the square outside. One wing of the edifice was undergoing repairs, so there was room for only about half the regiment.

"Sergeant," ordered the captain, "tell the men who don't want to go to church to fall out."

A large number quickly availed themselves of the privilege.
"Now, sergeant," said the captain, "dismiss all the men who did not fall out and march the others in—they need it most."

Pompous: "You have asked for my daughter's hand in marriage! What, may I ask, are your financial prospects?"

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Mr. H. Cecil Hunt has collected another entertaining book full of "Fresh Howlers" published by Messrs. Ernest Benn, Limited. It is a mine of laughs in a line or two, taken from the seriously intended answers of school-children. Here are just a few of them:
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A polygon is a man who has many wives.

A brunette is a young bear. Ambiguity means having two wives living at the same time.

All brutes are imperfect animals; man alone is a perfect brute. Matrimony is a place where souls suffer for a time on account of their sins.

The Pope issued a Bull decomposing Elizabeth.
The Normans introduced a Frugal System.
A figure of speech is a way of saying what you don't mean and meaning what you don't say.
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CULTURAL INVASION BY COMMUNISTS.

RELEASED MISSIONARY'S STORY.

[UNITED PRESS.]

Hankow, April 29.—Missionaries in China are the cause of extra-territoriality, being agents of imperialism through whom "Cultural Invasion" is being effected, in the opinion of the Communist band who raided Yanchow in Kiangsi province and carried off three foreigners attached to the China Inland Mission. The gang is still holding Mr. and Mrs. Porteous, who are British subjects, but has released Miss Gemmell, American, who is at present in Hankow and says that her captors are well-educated and well-disciplined men several of whom received training in Moscow.

Interesting experiences and hardships were undergone by Miss Gemmell during her eleven days of captivity although at no time was she either actually tortured or threatened with death. Taken from her home at Yanchow on the border of Hunan and Kiangsi provinces, she spent her days of captivity mostly in open fields and mountainous regions, being dragged, sometimes under heavy downpours, from one place to another. At times the captured missionaries were paraded in streets in villages and towns which have come under the Red Rule and publicly accused of transgressing five "big laws," namely:—

1. Missionaries are imperialists, agents of their home countries and pathfinders for business.
2. They are capitalists taking the people's money.
3. They are leading the people astray by religious superstitions.
4. They have effected a "cultural" invasion and got their followers by good words.
5. They have "taken" the best land in the city and left the worst to the people.

Describing some of her experiences with the outlaws, the American missionary says:—
Thirty-five Miles First Day.
After we were seized we were imprisoned in a school building for three days and then marched to a village about 30 miles away. We had three days still walking up and down mountains in the rain. One day we went more than 35 miles, next day 48 miles and on the third 15 miles up to the stronghold. We started by daylight, unwashed, uncombed and twice unfed. At night the army occupied deserted villages and farm houses.
"Rations served comprised steamed rice and one bowl only of any of the following: beancurd, chicken, pork, beef, greens, soybeans. The prisoners were allowed to eat together, taking turns at the bowls and chopsticks when there were not enough to go round."

The Communists demanded \$60,000 ransom, but so far only \$1,200 has been paid, the sum being raised by the native Christians, according to Miss Gemmell. She says:—At one time the Christians had given \$1,200, thinking that we might all be released, but on finding that it was not sufficient asked that at least one or two be freed. The Communists were not willing until the eleventh day. Mr. and Mrs. Porteous urged me to go, so I went."

"LITERARY DIGEST'S" POLL CRITICIZED.

[UNITED PRESS.]

Washington, April 21.—The Board of Temperance of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) filed a formal complaint to-day stating its opinion that the national poll of citizens conducted by the "Literary Digest" was not representative of the "considered opinion of a majority of the people of the United States."

The magazine's poll, according to the Board, represented merely the areas of the nation in which it circulated, and these areas of dense circulation "naturally are in the industrial districts where majority sentiment is against the present prohibition laws."

Nearly one half of the votes cast in the Literary Digest poll, the Board stated, were from areas admittedly within the strongholds of the wet.

The really dry states, such as Texas, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Georgia, Kansas, Wyoming, and others, and cast only 2.30 per cent. of the total votes, the Board asserted, although a survey of population showed these states contained 13.79 per cent. of the national population.

The Board concluded that opponents of prohibition were always more alert in expressing their opinion than were those who advocated the existing laws.

BOY SCOUT RIOT AT NANKING.

FIGHT OVER DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

[UNITED PRESS.]

Nanking, April 23.—Resulting from the division of prizes at about 6 yesterday afternoon, a fatal melee took place between boy scouts from Tsinan and those from Hupeh all of whom had participated in the grand review of the scouts of all provinces. Those who were involved in the fighting amounted to about 300, and ten were seriously injured, while some twenty of the Hupeh lads were slightly injured.

At the height of the riot, police dispatched by the Garrison Commander succeeded in placing the two parties under control. The Garrison Commander has ordered an investigation in the situation attributing the trouble to the activities of Communists.

Of the Scouts who were injured and taken to hospital attached to the Military Cadets' School, three died to-day. Those from Tsinan left Nanking this morning for their homes with an escort of police.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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11 to 11.30 a.m.—Commercial News.
11.30 to 12.30 p.m.—Chinese programme.

12.30 to 2 p.m.—Programme of Columbia records supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

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"The Thistle" (Myddleton, arr. Winterbottom), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Sunnyside Up" (Theme Song) (de Sylva, Brown and Henderson) and "In An Old World Garden" (Pepper), Layton and Johnstone, American Duetists, with Piano.

"Narcissus" (Nevin, arr. Pattman) and "Melody In F" (Rubinstein, arr. Pattman), Organ Solo by Pattman (Compton Organ).

"Chauve Souris—Gipsy Song" (Russian Song) and "Chauve Souris—Berceuse" (Russian Song), Mmes. Birse & Ershova.

"Fluttering Birds" (J. Gennin) and "Lily Brisons" (J. Gennin), Dir. Dana Godfrey conducting theournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

"Jungle Drums—Patrol" (Albert W. Ketelbey) and "By The Blue Hawaiian Waters—Tone Pictures" (Albert W. Ketelbey), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Old Pal" (Roy Regan) and "Will The Angels Play Their Harps For Me?" (Hirach and Wilbite), The Maestros (Vocal Quintette) with Piano and Harp Obligation.

"Kiss" (Johann Strauss, Op. 400) and "Wine, Women and Song" (Johann Strauss, Op. 330), Johann Strauss and Symphony Orchestra.

"The Merry Brothers" (Jean Gennin) and "Echoes Of The Valley" (Jean Gennin), Sir Dag Godfrey conducting the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

7 to 7.30 p.m.—Cantonese Lesson by Rev. H. R. Wells.

7.30 to 8 p.m.—Recorded programme continued:—

"Priere Et Berceuse" (Alex. Guilmant, Op. 27) and "Tannhauser—Pilgrim's Chorus" (Wagner), Liberal Jewish Synagogue Organ played by G. T. Pattman.

"Two Black Crows" (Mack), Moran and Mack Comedy Sketch.

"Faust—Soldiers' Chorus" (Gounod) and "Faust—La Kerme" (Gounod), Chorus and Orchestra of the Theatre National De L'Opera, Paris.

"I May Be Wrong" (Ruskin and Sullivan) and "The World's Greatest Sweetheart Is You" (Razaf and Denniker), Layton and Johnstone, American Duetists, with Piano.

8 p.m.—Chinese programme relayed from Ko-Shing Theatre until end of play.

9 p.m.—Weather report.

ADVICE FOR INVESTORS.

READERS are reminded that inquiries relating to the share market are answered on page 11 every Tuesday by "Kufan." Letters should be sent to this office, and must be accompanied by writer's name and address, not for publication. Letters should be addressed to "Kufan," care of the Editor.

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MOTORISTS' INTERESTS SAFEGUARDED.

The Hong Kong Automobile Association held its annual meeting at 5.30 p.m. yesterday at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

The Chairman, Mr. Ho Leung, in his speech remarked that the Association had had a satisfactory year, both in regard to finance and increase in membership. A proposal had been received from the Automobile Club of British Columbia offering facilities of service to the Association's members at any time travelling in British Columbia, and in return asking that their members be accorded the Association's privileges whenever they should be present in Hong Kong.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, who was elected President for the current year, thanked the gathering on his new appointment and said that he would also like to thank the Committee on behalf of the members for the hard work they had put in during the past year. Mr. Hodgson said that if members only knew the time and trouble that had been spent by the Committee in looking after their interests and those of motorists in general, they might have appreciated it more; and those who were not members already might join the Association. Continuing, he said that there must be very nearly two thousand private motor car owners in the Colony and suggested that every one of them should become a member of the Association. There could be no reason for not being one on account of expenses. Much of the sum, said Mr. Hodgson, was recoverable from their insurance, as insurance companies gave members rebate on their premium, which, in some cases, covered subscriptions paid to the Association. The speaker concluded by saying that he would do his utmost to induce as many motorists as possible to become members before the next annual meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman's speech was as follows:—

Gentlemen,—It is the duty and, might I say, also the privilege of the President of the Automobile Association to address members of the Association at least once a year on the occasion of their annual meeting. I am happy that, on the present occasion, I can face you in the presence of an improved financial condition of the Association. Whereas on the 1st January, 1929, the Association had to its credit in fixed deposit and current account only \$12,683.94, we closed the year with a balance at credit amounting to \$14,724.03. Of this amount \$13,000 is in fixed deposit. The Association's membership increased by 84 new members. We closed the year with a receipt on account of subscriptions of \$4,739, \$215 being \$8 subscriptions in respect of 43 cycling members, and \$1,620 in respect of 452 car members, which all go to show that the Association is in a flourishing condition. At the same time, I have to point out that many members have not paid their subscriptions for several years. This, to say the least of it, is not playing the game, and if the benefits of the Association are to accrue to the whole body of its members, it is due from every member that he pays his subscription to the Association at least once a year.

Ties of Kinship.

I take this opportunity of reminding members that the badge is the property of the Association, and upon the resignation of any member, his badge should be returned to the honorary secretary.

Before dealing with strictly local matters, I have to state that a letter was received from the Automobile Club of British Columbia, desiring to know whether the executive of the Hong Kong Association would consider reciprocal services, so that the facilities of service to our members at any time travelling in the territory of British Columbia could be enjoyed, and that likewise any member of the British Columbia Club visiting the Colony would enjoy the facilities of our service. These proposals have been made with a view to strengthening the ties of kinship and with the desire of developing the tourist trade as between British Columbia and this part of the world. The reply from this Association to the Automobile Club of British Columbia was that the Committee felt glad to accept the Columbia offer of reciprocal services for members of both Associations. Hong Kong offers such unique opportunities for motoring, whether on the island or on the mainland, that visitors from British Columbia cannot fail of the maximum benefits to their Club's affiliation with your own Association.

With regard to local subjects, I would like to tell you that the question uppermost in the minds of your retiring Committee has been the proposal for horse, power and petrol taxation. So far as this Association is concerned, the matter is still *sub judice*. Your Committee have taken up the subject very strongly with the Government and we are still in hopes that our representations will be of all avail in Hong Kong, and well received by the Government.

Parking Problem.

Another question that has exercised the minds of your Committee is that of parking in Hong Kong

and at Kowloon. As the Colony grows and as the popularity of motoring, whether for business or pleasure, grows, so must the ever perplexing problem of suitable parking places become more and more difficult of solution. Improvements are already apparent in this respect. We are hoping for still better facilities shortly, and our friends on the other side of the harbour must compose themselves in patience until the new lay-out scheme for the "Star" Ferry approach at Kowloon Point is given out by Government. In the meantime, I can assure you that this Association is working in friendly collaboration with the Police authorities, who are ever ready to listen to reasonable and practical proposals for the convenience and the benefit of the public.

There appeared a letter in the Press on the 14th instant complaining that this Association, while continuing to add to its finances, does little for motorists in this Colony. The anonymous writer was effectively replied to by another writer, who also chose to remain anonymous. I would like to assure not only "Four Cylinder" but any member of the Association who has any grievance against the Committee to be kind enough to place himself in communication with the honorary secretary of the Association. I can assure members that nothing will give the Committee greater pleasure than to be able to redress any genuine grievance by any member of our Association, or to help improve conditions for motorists in general in this Colony, whenever it is within the power of the Committee to do so. We are for rendering service and shall be only too glad to help members when called upon to exercise our good offices and any influence that the Association may possess in the interests of the motoring fraternity.

It may be of interest to know that technical advice has been given to 17 members this financial year. Two of these cases called for technical and expert evidence in the Supreme Court and in both cases our members were successful in their claims, and I have no doubt that without expert advice the cases would have gone the other way. In connection with the T.T. Race, your Committee co-opted Mr. H. P. Williams, who is well known as an expert motor-cyclist. The trial was organized by and run under the directions of a very efficient committee, in whose judgment no entrant, unfortunately, was found to attain the standard of qualification necessary in order to become eligible as a candidate from Hong Kong for T.T. honours.

You will learn with regret that your honorary secretary, Mr. C. P. Marcel, will shortly be leaving the Colony on Home leave. I should like to avail myself of this opportunity to thank Mr. Marcel most cordially for all the work he has done for the Association during the past year and to wish him, on your behalf, a pleasant holiday while on Home leave. To Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., I have also to record the Association's best thanks for the use of their Board Room for all our meetings. The Association's annual dinner, given at the Peninsula Hotel on January 17 last, was a conspicuous success, both from the point of view of the number of members and their friends who attended the dinner and also from (Continued at foot of next column).

MORE EVIDENCE ON CURRENCY.

FEAR THAT BUSINESS MAY FLEE.

TWO TAIWANS DECLARE VIEWS TO COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Currency Committee was held on April 24 when the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and Mr. R. M. Dyer, of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., attended to give evidence.

Mr. Paterson thought that a silver currency was the most advantageous for the trade of the Colony, as Hong Kong, being a transit and a producing centre, must follow China in this respect. It was not desirable to stabilize artificially the sterling value of the silver dollar. If Hong Kong adopted a gold basis whilst China remained on a silver basis—and he could see no immediate prospect of any change to a gold basis in China—business would be driven to China. The interests of sterling-paid employees must be subsidiary to trade. The unsatisfactory feature of the present currency was the premium, and the remedy for this might be to diminish deposits in the Colony by reducing the rate of interest. Though the premium might not affect the rate of wages paid locally, it was harmful as being against the interests of firms with head offices in Hong Kong to which remittances were made from Shanghai. Mr. Paterson said that he thought the premium assisted in regard to imports for local consumption and adversely affected exports, of which, however, at present there were few. The premium might affect transit cargo insofar as it raised handling charges. He could assign no cause for the premium.

Mr. Dyer thought the present currency based on a silver dollar which fluctuated in value disadvantageous to his particular business because sterling prices for contracts kept varying. The present low dollar, however, assisted local shipbuilders in competing with other ports. A remedy for the present unsatisfactory situation would be the adoption of a gold standard provided China also adopted it at the same time. The premium, leading, as it did, to a dual currency, was detrimental and the remedy, in his opinion, was for Government to issue notes in place of the banks. He favoured stability at about 1/9d; if this could be done without great loss to Government. Mr. Dyer agreed that a high rate of exchange was not so advantageous to shipbuilding in the Colony as a low rate because the cost of labour exceeded that of material.

The meeting recorded its thanks to the Hon. Mr. Paterson and Mr. Dyer for their attendance.

BUTCHER AND FISHMONGER AT LOGGERHEADS.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday, Wong Fai was charged with assaulting Li Shu on Friday, 25th instant. The defendant is a fishmonger's stall in the Soekupoo market while the complainant, a pork butcher, also held a stall in the same market.

It was stated that at 6 a.m. on the day in question, one of complainant's fish was quarrelled with Wong Fai over a tub of water at the market fountain. It was alleged that defendant's pail of water was polluted by the butcher's fish, who, in washing some pig's intestines, splashed some dirty water into the tub.

In the witness box, complainant said that defendant assaulted him with a knife, cutting him in the side of the body and in the leg. In defence, he struck Wong on the head with a piece of firewood.

Complainant went on to say that after the defendant struck him, he (defendant) boarded a tram and went to the Police Station. The Magistrate then remarked it was most extraordinary that a man, after deliberately assaulting another, should go straight to the Police Station to make a report. He believed complainant was telling a pack of lies. He bound both men over in a personal bond of \$100 each for 12 months.

the social amenities enjoyed on that occasion. I hope many such annual gatherings will become a feature of the Automobile Association's activities in Hong Kong.

Before I resume my seat, it will give me much pleasure to answer any questions members desire to put to the chair after the adoption of the report and accounts has been proposed and seconded. I now propose that the report and accounts for 1929, as presented to members, be adopted and passed. Carried. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year—President, Mr. P. M. Hodgson; Vice-President, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy; treasurers, Messrs. Jardine & Co., Ltd. and Messrs. Jardine & Co., Ltd.; committee: Messrs. G. E. S. Updegraff, Ho Leung, M. K. Lo, J. Smith, E. T. Spradbury, A. Stevenson, G. H. Wilson, C. C. Hickling, E. C. Tregidg, Capt. C. B. Riggs and C. P. Marcel.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

APPEAL MADE FOR MORE MEMBERS.

At the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the Navy League held yesterday, an appeal was made for prompt payment of subscriptions. At the close of the meeting, the Chairman also asked members to assist by making a drive for new members.

It was decided at the meeting that a wreath should be deposited at Trafalgar Square on Nelson Day as a tribute from the Hong Kong Branch of the League.

Mr. A. L. Shields presided, and was supported by Rear-Admiral R. A. S. Hill, R.N. (Vice-President) members of the Committee, Mr. W. A. Dowley (Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. M. G. Marriott (Hon. Secretary).

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman addressed the meeting as follows:—The printed report and accounts of the Hong Kong Branch of the Navy League for the year 1929 are now in your hands and you will see that the balance of cash in hand is \$1,141.07, as against \$1,220.18 at the end of the previous year.

Our membership is about 200, but only 74 subscriptions were paid last year and your Committee appeals to members to send in subscriptions promptly on receipt of the hon. treasurer's application.

We regret to record the deaths during the year of W. J. Eldridge, Captain G. D. Arthur, J. E. Harcock and L. M. Whyte, our late hon. secretary. Mr. Whyte was an enthusiastic and strenuous worker and did much during the six years in which he acted as hon. secretary, to further the interests of the League in Hong Kong and coast ports.

The proceeds of the Nelson Day concert enabled us to send a remittance of £152.11.7 to London and, as already stated in the press, £25 of this was allotted to propaganda general expenses and £125 to the Nelson Day Fund, which finances sea cadets. The balance of £22.11.7 covers subscription for the League's magazine, *The Navy*.

The cost of this magazine to subscribers in Hong Kong is only 8s per annum and I would ask members to put their names down on the list which is on the table. The magazine, besides describing the activities of the League, contains interesting articles and photographs of naval ships and personnel.

The Work of the League.

One of the main objects of the Navy League is to keep the people of the Empire alive to the important fact that a strong and efficient Navy is the best guarantee for peace and security.

There has never been a time in our history when it was so important to keep our people "Navy minded" as at present.

The treaty to outlaw war must appeal to all right-thinking people, but only time can show whether all the signatories will loyally carry out their undertakings.

Human nature and national aspirations have always been uncertain quantities, and if trouble breaks out, contact must be maintained with the Dominions, Colonies and Mandated Territories and trade routes must be protected.

The motto of the Navy League is "Keep Watch" and its endeavour is to keep our statesmen and people staunch in their belief that the Navy is the first and last defence of the Empire.

The staggering burden of taxation in the Mother Country undoubtedly accounts for the apathy of the "man in the street" towards the proposals to further reduce our naval strength, but no benefit to the taxpayer is yet apparent. The Navy League, let me make it clear, is a non-political and non-party organization and should receive the support of all Britons overseas.

We in Hong Kong are a relatively small and isolated community, dependent largely upon the Navy for the security of our large sea-borne and river-borne trade. If we cast our bread upon the waters by subscribing to the Navy League, we can feel assured that the money will be used in protecting our own interests.

Sepoy Disaster Fund.

The League devotes part of its funds to and also raises large sums for the relief and support of the widows and orphans of naval men, and also in the training of sea cadets. These causes make their own appeal.

Your Committee have to thank the whole community for their most generous support to the fund now open for the benefit of the dependents of the gallant officer and men who lost their lives in the sad accident on board H.M.S. Sepoy.

The fund will close in a few days and it is hoped that further subscriptions will enable the sum of £1,000 to be remitted to London.

The intention is to have the money distributed without delay, and our Vice-President, Rear-Admiral Hill, will advise and assist your Committee in this matter. We are indebted to Mr. Hicks of the *Hong Kong Telegraph* and to the other newspapers for the publicity and support which they have given to our appeal.

In closing, Mr. Shields proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, which was carried, Capt. T. T. Laurensen, D.S.C., seconding.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A proposal by Mr. Dowley that Mr. A. L. Shields be elected President for the ensuing year was seconded by Mr. Champkin and unanimously carried.

The Chairman, in turn, proposed that Rear-Admiral Hill be the Vice-President. Mr. W. J. Stokes seconded and the proposal was carried.

In addition to the President and Vice-President and the old Committee consisting of Messrs. H. Davenport-Browne, C. Champkin, R. Sutherland, and the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, the following were taken on the Committee: Messrs. T. H. R. Shaw, E. Cock, A. Hicks, C. A. J. Shrubsole, and Capt. T. T. Laurensen, D.S.C.

The Chairman mentioned that Mr. Dowley had agreed to carry on as Honorary Secretary, and he expressed indebtedness for all Dr. Dowley had done for the League. He also referred to Mr. Marriott's work and his desire to continue as Hon. Treasurer.

UNINVITED GUESTS.

THIEVES ENTER PRESIDENT APARTMENTS.

Mrs. MacPherson and Mrs. Mullett received a surprise early yesterday morning when they woke up and found two Chinese in their rooms at the President Apartments, which are principally used as residences by the families of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders.

The two Chinese escaped when an alarm was raised by the husbands. No arrest has as yet been reported.

Although the would-be thieves did not take away anything, it appears that they had been enjoying themselves with the golden syrup, butter, meat and bread found on the premises.

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CONFERENCE OF METEOROLOGISTS.

MR. T. F. CLAXTON, EXPLAINS CHARACTER AND OBJECT OF DELIBERATIONS.

FAR EASTERN SCIENTISTS MEET.

The conference of Far Eastern meteorologists was officially opened in Hong Kong yesterday, the delegates from various parts of the Far East being welcomed by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.

Mr. T. F. Claxton thanked His Excellency for opening the Conference, and said that the interest showed by Mr. Southorn in the deliberations of the Conference would stimulate that mutual understanding and goodwill without which they could not hope to achieve any appreciable measure of success.

The hope was expressed that, as a result of the Conference, synchronous observations could be taken from a sufficient number of stations without undue delay. It was also stated that the Conference might result in ships in the Far East obtaining all the meteorological information they require whenever they needed it, and that ships will in future have to keep only one meteorological log and send extracts from it in an international code.

Besides His Excellency and Mr. Claxton, those present were Rev. Father Froe, S.J., Rev. Father Selga, S.J., Lieut. A. St. J. Edwards, R.N., Lieut. Comdr. A. E. Dodington, R.N., Capt. W. Davison, Capt. D. S. Skinner, Capt. J. Ashby, Mr. C. W. Jeffries, Mr. Sung, Mr. Pingan Tsiang, Lieut. Comdr. Y. C. Shan (Chinese Navy), Mrs. B. D. Evans (secretary), and Mrs. D. L. Follett (stenographer).

His Excellency's Welcome.

Addressing the meeting, His Excellency said:

"It gives me great pleasure, gentlemen, to welcome you all to Hong Kong, and we feel highly honoured that six gentlemen so distinguished in their own spheres of activity should have thought it worth their while to come to Hong Kong for a conference with the Director of our Observatory here."

"It gives us particular pleasure to welcome the Reverend Father Louis Froe, S.J., the doyen of Far Eastern Meteorologists. Father Froe, as you all know, has been the Director of the famous Zikawei Observatory for the past thirty-six years, with one brief interruption for reasons of health, and his work has been of inestimable benefit to shipping and to all who dwell in this part of the world. We hope he may long continue to preside over the Zikawei Observatory, which he has served faithfully for so many years."

"We also welcome the Reverend Father Miguel Selga, S.J., of the Philippines Weather Bureau, Monsieur E. Bruzon, of the Indo-China Weather Bureau, Mr. Sung, of the National Institute of Meteorology, Nanking, Mr. Pingan Tsiang, of the Tsingtau Observatory, and Lieut. Comdr. Y. C. Shan, C.N., of the Pratas Meteorological Station, the youngest of our Far Eastern meteorological stations, and one in which the Colony of Hong Kong takes a very special interest."

"We regret the absence of the representatives of the Malayan, Japanese, Korean and Formosan services, without whom our numbers are not fully complete. They were unable to make arrangements to leave their posts, but we feel sure they will give due weight to any recommendations which may emerge from this conference."

The Typhoon Danger.

"Situated as we are, gentlemen, in regions subject to disastrous typhoons, from which our respective territories have from time to time, suffered incalculable damage, the subject of meteorology and particularly of storm warnings, assumes an importance which is not always appreciated in more favourably situated localities. The safety of shipping, and hence the prosperity of our trade in general, is largely dependent on our meteorological services, while the safety of life and property ashore is to a less degree imperilled by typhoons, and can only be properly safeguarded by a system of timely warnings."

"It is obvious, gentlemen, that a uniform code of signals would be of the utmost value to our meteorological services if a code suitable for all requirements could be devised. In August of last year the Director of the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, attended a conference of British meteorologists held in London, with the laudable object of introducing a uniform code of storm warnings for the whole world. The agreement was not reached even for the British Empire, he withdrew his proposal and suggested a conference of Far Eastern meteorologists, in the hope that uniformity might be attained over this area, where conditions and requirements are, to a certain extent, uniform."

Need for Uniformity.

"This conference has therefore been called in accordance with the suggestion made by the Director in London, and has for its object the adoption throughout the Far East of uniform codes for storm warnings and for the transmission of daily weather reports by cable."

"At present, different weather services in the Far East use different storm-warning codes and ask for different data from ships. This is very unsatisfactory to ships operating in these waters, and I would invite you very carefully to examine the proposals which will be laid before you with a view to achieving the objects for which this conference has been called."

"In conclusion, gentlemen, I know that Hong Kong will derive much benefit from your visit, and I venture to express the hope, not only that you will find your stay in Hong Kong a pleasant interlude in your arduous and often lonely duties, but that you will also carry away the feeling that your visit has been profitable to the important services on which you are engaged."

Uniformity and Economy.

Mr. T. F. Claxton, in reply to His Excellency's address, said:

"Gentlemen, before proceeding with the business of the day, I am sure you would wish to thank His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government for coming here to-day to open the conference."

"His Excellency's kindly interest should help us in our deliberations and stimulate understanding and goodwill, without which we cannot look for complete success in our undertaking."

"We hope for great things from this Conference. Our motto is 'uniformity and economy.' Our bugbear is apathy, our handicap is want of money, and our hope lies in ourselves, our Governments, and the navies of the world, mercantile and fighting. It lies also in that vast faithful band of observers who provide the bricks and mortar with which we build. Without them there would be no codes, no storm warnings, and no weather maps. In your name and in the name of all meteorological services in the world, I thank them and bid them carry on the good work."

What Is Hoped For.

"We hope as a result of this Conference that ships east of Singapore will receive all the meteorological information they want, in the form they want it, and when they want it, and they will be asked to keep only one meteorological log and to send extracts from it in an international code."

"We hope that weather services in the Far East will obtain synchronous observations without undue delay from a sufficient number of stations to enable them to detect on their weather maps kinks in the isobars and isotherms, warm fronts, cold fronts, and lines of flows, also that these observations may be received at sufficiently frequent intervals to enable the forecaster to anticipate and trace the passage of different types of weather."

"Your Excellency, we thank you very much for opening our Conference."

His Excellency then took leave of the Conference, which at once commenced its labours.

BENEDICT'S FRAILTY.

PUSHED INTO PRISON BY ERSTWHILE PARAMOUR.

After living with the complainant (a waitress) for about two months, Man Chai alias Man Chai Yin (27), a married man, taking advantage of the absence of the woman from the house one night, took away all her property. The man appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday charged with the theft on April 25 of a leather suit case, a leather purse, a clock, a pair of chop sticks, a cotton quilt and 40 pieces of clothing.

The wife of accused, who was called as a witness for the defence, told the Magistrate that her husband had sold padi fields and property for \$1,700. All this money, she said, was spent on complainant. Witness also stated that she had four children and accused had not been supporting the family for some time.

Accused said that all the clothing were presented to complainant by him and he had taken these articles back, as she had expressed a desire to become a public woman.

His Worship registered a conviction and passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

OPIUM IN DUCKS' EGGS.

DEFENDANTS DISCHARGED.

CHINESE OFFICER TO BE PUT ON THE REPORT.

Holding that the evidence against the defendants was insufficient, Mr. R. E. Lindell discharged a Chinese boarding-house runner and a woman passenger who were charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with the unlawful possession of a quantity of opium.

An interesting feature of the case was that the drug was found inside a lot of preserved ducks' eggs, which were contained in a basket carried by the first defendant at the time of his arrest. In reply to a question by a Chinese revenue officer, the man said that the eggs belonged to a woman passenger, being part of her luggage.

The Chinese Officer, Leung Yu, was very confused as regards his evidence, so much so that the Magistrate remarked that so far from it involving the runner, it appeared to exonerate him. The Officer had made a mess of things, and he (the Magistrate) was of the opinion that the man should be discharged. He further directed that the Chinese officer should be put on the report. R.O. Grinnitt duly made a note of this.

Woman Also Discharged.

As regards the case against the woman, R.O. Grinnitt gave evidence about sending the runner, together with the Chinese officers, to bring the woman to him. Instead of only one woman coming, four returned with the men, and the runner pointed out the one in dock as the owner of the baggage and keys. The woman denied possession of the eggs, but admitted the keys were hers.

Further evidence was taken, after which the Magistrate remarked that it appeared to him as though the runner had been "put up" to point out the woman as the culprit. That was probably the reason why four women came along instead of only one.

Remarking that he was thoroughly dissatisfied with the statement of the witness, the Magistrate discharged the woman.

ROUND THE COURTS.

COMMITTED TO NEXT CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The case in which Hui Tim, a Chinese butcher, was charged with unlawfully and maliciously wounding one Leong Lin Shing with intent to maim or disable him or otherwise cause him grievous bodily harm was again before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham for hearing yesterday when the defendant was sentenced to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, prosecuted while Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the defence.

Addressing the Magistrate, Mr. Rendall remarked that he thought the evidence against his client was insufficient and he held that there was no case to answer. So far as the description of the defendant given by the complainant to the police was concerned, that might have suited any Chinese. Although his client had some special marks on his face, no mention was made of them. This was rather extraordinary, as the complainant claims to have known the man for some 24 years.

In holding that there was a case to answer, his Worship passed sentence, as stated above.

"THIS IS MY WATCH!"

"This is my watch, and my brother gave it to me. He is a wealthy man in San Francisco," said a Chinese youth when he was asked by a policeman where he got a nice looking platinum watch, set with diamonds.

Not believing his story, the officer arrested the boy, and on making enquiries, found that the boy was engaged by Mrs. Weill, to whom the watch belonged, and that the lad's brother, who was supposed to be in the United States, was actually a notorious thief. The boy was brought before the Magistrate yesterday morning, when it was stated that he was arrested in the act of attempting to pawn the article for \$12. Its real worth was given as \$1,200. Sentence of four months' imprisonment was passed.

CHINESE AND THEIR PASSPORTS.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM SINGAPORE.

DOCUMENT PHRASED RATHER AMBIGUOUSLY.

The following communication from Mr. R. Onreat, the Passport Officer at Singapore, which has reached the Chinese Chamber of Commerce through the Inspector General of Police in Hong Kong regarding passports for Chinese cabin passengers to Singapore, was read at the Chamber yesterday:

"From June 1, 1930, passenger passes issued to Chinese subjects by the Secretary of Chinese Affairs in Hong Kong and by British Consuls at Amoy, Swatow and other Chinese ports will not be accepted in lieu of passports in the case of Chinese cabin passengers."

"Failure, therefore, to produce valid passports duly visated by a competent British authority will render Chinese cabin passengers liable to be refused entry into the Colony."

A member asked what was meant by "a competent British authority," seeing that the S.C.A. in Hong Kong and the Consuls at Amoy and Swatow were not under this category. The Chairman replied that he himself was not clear on this phrase and promised to inquire what exactly was meant by the communication.

2 HOUSES GUTTED IN CITY FIRE.

EARLY MORNING OUTBREAK.

THREE WOMEN INJURED IN JUMP TO SAFETY.

Three women, in attempting to jump to safety, were injured and sent to hospital, when a serious fire broke out in the early hours of yesterday morning in the Western district. The houses involved were Nos. 158, 160, 162 and 164 Queen's Road West.

The injured women were:—Ho Chat (24) a married woman living on the second floor of No. 164, Queen's Road West.

Ho Mei (20), also a married woman, living on the same floor, and Li Kuen (28) also married woman, of the same address.

Origin of the Fire.

The outbreak started on the ground floor of No. 162, occupied by the Sam Kwong joss-paper shop, and was first noticed by people passing by the house at about 4 a.m. who saw smoke issuing through the interstices of the door boards. They then gave the alarm, which aroused practically the whole of the neighbourhood.

A call was sent to the Central Fire Station through two signal boxes in the vicinity, and almost immediately the appliances arrived.

Soon explosions of fire-crackers, part of the stock-in-trade of the joss paper shop, made it evident that it would mean a grim battle for the fire-fighters. The inmates of this shop, fortunately, moved out of the premises before the fire had obtained a good hold on it, but the firemen soon found that it was beginning to spread very rapidly.

Flames were brought up to the verandah of the houses across the street, and from here, the firemen directed their attacks on the angry flames. At the same time, other lines were carried up the staircases of the houses adjoining the first two involved, and here the flames were prevented from spreading, and were confined to the first two houses which eventually were completely gutted.

After two hours of strenuous fighting, the firemen began to relax their efforts, but by this time, the whole of Nos. 162 and 160 were gutted from top to bottom, and nothing remained of these two but the bare walls on the sides. The other two houses, Nos. 158 and 164, also suffered considerable damage, their blackened walls and charred woodwork bearing evidence of their narrow escape from total ruin.

The two houses which were completely destroyed belonged to a Leung Pak Ko, who, at the moment, is away in Canton. The houses were insured for \$24,000.

As regards the joss-paper shop, the proprietor states that he insured his business for \$6,000 and he estimated his loss at that figure. The managing partner of the shop, Fung Wing Cho, states that his shop was in the ground floor of the house adjoining the joss paper shop. His business on the ground floor of the building was insured with the Heung On Co. for \$2,000 while his goods were also insured with the same concern for \$1,500.

BAILIFF'S VISIT RESENTED.

SHIP'S GUARD ALLEGES ASSAULT.

THE TABLES TURNED IN COURT.

Allegations that he was assaulted by Mr. W. H. C. Bouchier and two Indians were made by Indian police guard No. 33 on board the s.s. Kwangtung before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Cross-summons against the complainant for assault were taken out by the two Indians, Harkum Singh, moneylender and watchman, and Nadar Singh, wharf watchman.

In the course of a long story, the complainant said that Harkum Singh entered his cabin at 6.15 a.m. on March 3, and began to abuse him, at the same time prodding him in the side with a stick. Mr. Bouchier then came to the doorway and told complainant that he must pay the \$43 owing to Harkum Singh or go to prison.

The abuse continued until complainant had to remonstrate with Harkum Singh, whereupon the latter got hold of his right hand while Mr. Bouchier held the other to push him out of the cabin. Complainant said to the European: "Why do you assault me? You don't know the law." Harkum Singh then poked complainant's side with an umbrella, and the European struck him with the fist over the eyes, and he fell to the ground.

Complainant continued that the second defendant seized him by the neck while he was on the ground and the European kicked him, causing complainant's legs to bleed. Later the European told complainant that he held a warrant for his arrest on a judgment debt. Complainant agreed to go, but he was struck down again by the second defendant, and the European then snatched a bamboo pole from a coolie and hit complainant on the head with it, rendering him unconscious.

Cross-examined, the complainant denied that the European produced the warrant before he was assaulted. He also denied that he put his teeth into the third defendant's neck, or that he produced an axe from the cabin and struck the second defendant with it.

Another Indian guard from the vessel gave almost the same story. On being asked who taught him all the details, he said that he saw the incident with his own eyes.

Sergeant John Murphy deposed to sending the complainant to hospital after he had been brought to the Central Police Station. Witness also said that he noticed teeth marks on the third defendant's neck, and a wound on the left side of the second defendant's head.

Mr. Bouchier's Story.

Mr. Bouchier said that he went aboard the s.s. Kwangtung just before 7 a.m. and visited the complainant's cabin. He told the complainant that he held a warrant and if he could not pay the debt he would have to go to gaol. Complainant then suddenly dived out of the cabin and attacked Harkum Singh, biting him in the neck. They rolled on the ground, and as the complainant was trying to throttle the other man, witness had to use his fist.

Witness went on to relate another incident after complainant had agreed to go down to the wharf. While witness waited for complainant to be dressed, the latter snipped out behind the cabin, armed himself with a chopper, and attacked the second defendant with it. Witness then caught up a bamboo pole and hit complainant on the head with sufficient force to disable him.

Other evidence bearing out Mr. Bouchier's story was given by witnesses called by the defence.

His Worship said he was satisfied there had been no assault on the complainant. On the other hand, he was convinced that the complainant attacked the other two Indians with his teeth and chopper. The complainant was fined \$3 on each of the two counts.

FAN-TAN ABOARD SHIP.

PENILESS PASSENGERS—AND THEIR TEMPTERS.

Two Chinese, who had been previously convicted of gambling, were fined \$50 or one month's hard labour each when they appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy charged with running fan-tan games aboard the s.s. Anhui.

The Police Officer prosecuting said that the steamer arrived from Singapore on Sunday with 300 passengers. The two accused boarded the ship and started the fan-tan game. It was also mentioned that passengers were often rendered peniless by the introduction of fan-tan games on board by characters like accused.



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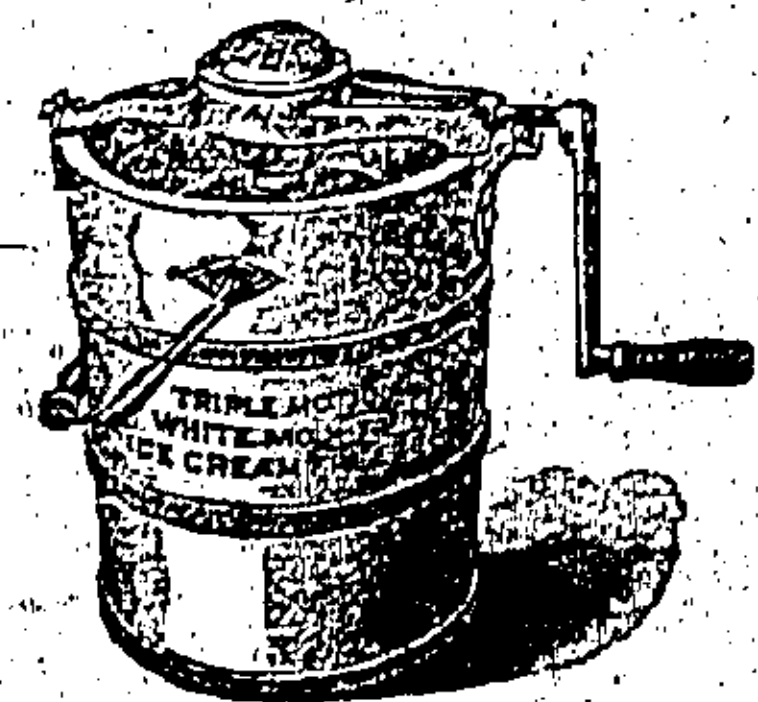
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RECEPTION ON THE ARRIVAL OF H.E. SIR WILLIAM PEEL, K.B.E.

OFFICIAL WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS.

A Public Meeting held at the City Hall on FRIDAY, the 4TH APRIL, it was decided to present H.E. SIR WILLIAM PEEL, K.B.E., with an Address of Welcome on his arrival in this Colony, which will be during the morning of the 5TH MAY Next.

At the same Public Meeting it was decided that the whole of the THEATRE ROYAL should be thrown open to the public without charge save only that the stage be reserved for the Reception Committee, Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Representatives of the Navy, Army and Air Forces and the Heads of the Departments, the first two rows of the stalls for the Consular Body and their wives and the representatives of the Churches, also the first two rows of the dress circle for ladies.

It is hoped that as many residents of the Colony as possible will attend this Public Meeting at the Theatre Royal, and thus give a practical demonstration of the support of the Colony to its new Governor.

[9359]

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Second Payment of School Fees (1930) is due on THURSDAY, 1st MAY.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF RICHARD BLACKWELL, Late of CHARLSTON VILLA, BORDER ROAD, SISKIYOU, IN THE COUNTY OF KEYS, IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the Provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order Limiting the Time for Creditors and Others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to 25th DAY of MAY, 1930.

All Creditors and Others are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned on or before That Date.

DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Administrator,
1, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong. [9353]

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATTHEW & CO., LTD., on WEDNESDAY the 7th MAY, 1930, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. To Receive, in pursuance of the Chairman's speech at the last Annual General Meeting of the Company, a Statement from the Chairman as to the position in regard to the proposals for the acquisition of the Motor Bus and Garage Undertaking of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, LIMITED.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, April 29th, 1930. [9361]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th MAY, 1930, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED on MONDAY, 28th APRIL to WEDNESDAY, 7th MAY, Both Days inclusive.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 22nd Apr., 1930. [9358]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 16th MAY, 1930, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1929.

The SHARE REGISTERS and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 16th MAY, 1930, Both Days inclusive.
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Hong Kong, 24th Apr., 1930. [9346]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.10 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone is moving eastward and is now central to the east of Tokyo. A depression is shown to the E.N.E. of Shanghai. The depression over Indo-China has decreased in intensity.

Local Forecast:—E. winds; moderate; fine to cloudy.

BIRTHS.

CLEMENT.—On April 23, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. S. P. CLEMENT, a son.

MELLOR.—On April 23, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. MELLOR, a son.

MARRIAGE.

McCULLOCH—HARPER.—On April 24, at Shanghai, WILLIAM, son of JOHN HARPER, Montreal, to JEAN, eldest daughter of DAVID McCULLOCH, Maidens, Ayrshire.

DEATHS.

LOGAN.—On April 24, at Shanghai, JAMES HENRY LOGAN, late of Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., aged 52 years.

SCHULTZ.—On April 22, at Shanghai, VALBORG MARGRETHE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. SCHULTZ, aged 34 years.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, APRIL 29, 1930.

"STABILISING" SILVER.

The views of bankers and merchants doing business in and with the Far East regarding silver are by now well known. They are unanimous on at least one point—that the situation is very unsatisfactory, and gives rise to grave apprehension. Having said that, divergences of opinion begin to show themselves as to the degree of anxiety and the measures best to be taken to allay the fears which exist. Since there is nothing new to be recorded concerning the views of those who handle silver in the form of currency, it is interesting to learn what those engaged in producing the metal think of the situation. They, too, are very much concerned at the dwindling price of the metal, and are no less apprehensive about the future than the bankers and merchants whose anxieties about the drop in exchange have had so much publicity during the last few months.

Reports from Mexico state that an international organization of silver producers and refiners to promote the sale of silver manufactures at lower prices than now obtain is being discussed in mining circles as the best means of stabilizing the silver market. From the premise that important reductions in the retail prices of silver manufactures are economically practicable, leaders of the Mexican mining industry argue the feasibility of "offering" solid silver articles at prices which would attract many present purchasers of plated ware. A research and promotional organization similar to that functioning now for the copper miners and refiners is favoured, and silver companies in the United States, Canada, and Peru would be invited to co-operate. Although silver-bullion is selling around 42 cents gold an ounce, the average article manufactured of silver is sold retail for about \$5 gold per ounce, according to the President of the Mexican Mining Chamber. It is believed this discrepancy between the selling price and the cost of raw materials is greater than necessary, and that with proper co-operation solid silver ware can be made available at much lower prices than at present charged.

silver producers directly or indirectly to enter the manufacturing industry, such a radical step might be undertaken as a result of the desperate situation now confronting the mining and refining companies in Mexico.

Changes in the monetary system of India and unsettled conditions in China, are held responsible chiefly for the decline in silver prices which necessitates a search for new markets, and the Mexican producers expect no appreciable relief from any plan which will not increase on a large scale the consumption of the metal for manufacturing purposes. Efforts of the Governments of the principal silver producing countries to stabilize bullion prices by official measures would be futile, in the opinion of Mexican mining men, who believe that a financial pool, such as that which operates with considerable success to stabilize copper prices, would be ineffective in the silver market. The Mexican Government, although not expected to attempt any programme aimed at stabilization of silver prices, already has indicated its intention of co-operating with the mining industry in what is really a struggle for survival on the part of many companies. Despite its customary strict adherence to the policy of forbidding industries to retrench by dismissal of employees, the Federal Board of Conciliation and Arbitration since last August has authorized dismissal of 3,500 miners who were employed by 18 organizations. In January last the total number of miners employed in the country was 65,000. The authorizations referred to permitted reductions in personnel ranging from 15 per cent. of the affected company's employees to 100 per cent. in the case of a few which suspended operations entirely. Among the latter was the Cinco Mines Company which in 1929 produced 200,000 ounces of silver monthly.

Favourable action by the Board is expected also on applications pending from 15 other companies, who desire either to reduce their working forces or suspend operations. It is expected an additional 8,000 miners will be laid off as a result of the applications now pending, but no proportionate decrease in national production is expected. In order to remain solvent in the face of current silver prices, the companies will be compelled to maintain production at almost the present level. This can be done by working only the richest veins in the mines, although the practice is detrimental to the value of the property. Silver bullion at 60 cents gold an ounce, instead of about 40, and solid silver-ware sold at prices very much less than \$5 gold an ounce is, in the opinion of Mexican miners, the only solution of the difficulties at present affecting the silver market.

A Chinese Silk Goods Exhibition will be held in Nanking for one month beginning from May 3, reports the *Shanghai*.

A Tientsin resident who had been visiting Manchuria, told the *North-China Daily Mail* that he thought that in another ten or fifteen years Mukden will be one of the foremost cities in China.

Shanghai merchants are invited, says the Chinese press, to make generous contributions to the fund for the establishment of an industrial factory in Wuchang which will employ only the invalid soldiers who took part in the 1911 revolution.

The *Manchuria Daily News* reports: The Sungari ice began to break up on April 3, 13 days earlier than last year. The Navigation Guild announced its intention to send out the first boat on April 12. Junk beans will appear on the Harbin market towards the beginning of May.

"Chinese papers report that the Chiao Tungpu has been ordered by the National Government to print postage stamps bearing the portraits of six 'martyrs,' namely, the late General Chen Chi Mei, and Messrs. Huang Hsiao Liang Chun Kai, Soong Chiao Jen, Chou Chi Hsin and Teng Kai.

Scenery, the *Chefoo Daily News* records, rouses emotion in the stern military bosom: Div-Com. Liu paid a visit to the Bamboo Temple recently. Now we have heard that as the scenery there is very vivid and picturesque he made another sightseeing trip to the same place with his suite on April 13.

Attention is directed to the advertisement appearing in to-day's issue relative to the local arrangements for the official welcome and presentation of address to the incoming Governor, Sir William Peel, K.B.E. It is hoped that as many residents of the Colony as possible will attend the public meeting at the Theatre Royal, and thus give a practical demonstration of the support of the Colony to its new Governor.

The marriage of Miss Bertha Maria Homem de Carvalho, daughter of Mrs. J. S. Homem de Carvalho, of Ashiya, and Baron Adolf Carl Willem Braun, of Vienna, Austria, was celebrated very quietly at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Nakayamadori, Kobe, on March 29, the Rev. Father Fage officiating. Baron Carl Ludwig Theodor Braun, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and Baron Carl Fuchs attended as sponsor. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Antonio Homem de Carvalho.

Property in Hong Kong, to the value of \$23,500, was left by Mak Ping, married woman, who died at the Red Cross Hospital, Shanghai, on June 29, 1929. Letters of administration have been granted to the son, Cheng Kam To, to whom everything is bequeathed. Probate of the will has been granted to Chiu Cheung Shi, a relative, in respect of the estate of the late Chiu Kuen Yuk, alias Chiu Chi Shang, alias Chiu Woon, of Macao. Deceased left local estate to the value of \$18,800, all of which is bequeathed to Chiu Cheung Shi.

The gentleman who is said to have been appointed by the China Airways, Ltd., U.S.A., to open negotiations with the China National Aviation Corporation regarding the revision of the air mail contract, is considered by the Chinese press as unqualified to carry on the negotiations because, it is alleged, he is an oil merchant and knows nothing about aviation. The Chinese press hope that this gentleman's name will be withdrawn immediately and another substituted so as to bring about an early conclusion of negotiations.

A correspondent of the *Southern Press* writes to complain of the cyclists who continually career along the sidewalks and knock pedestrians down. Happily—we in Japan, comments the *Japan Chronicle*, are well ahead of the benighted inhabitants of the adjacent peninsula. Here we have motor-cars and motor-lorries on the sidewalks. There is a new one lately constructed at Chiyo, which is particularly popular, and enjoys the great advantage that as a number of garden gates open on to it, the lorries are fairly sure to get a householder emerging in a hurry to catch his morning train.

Pirates have been very active outside Wosung during the past few weeks and will probably continue their activities for some time to come, says the Chinese press, because the fishing season has started and thousands of fishing-boats are now gathering around the mouth of the Yangtze. Several days ago, according to the *Sinwunpao*, about 80 junks carrying over 600 pirates appeared outside Wosung and, after rounding up all the fishing-boats in sight, forced the fishermen to give up their catch. The vessels were each given a white flag and then released. Over a hundred fishing-boats have been seized by the pirates because the owners failed to pay up as ordered, concludes the *Sinwunpao*.

A heavy snowfall was experienced on Mount Nantai and other mountains in Japan, between the night of April 15 and the following morning. This, remarks the *Osaka Mainichi*, was the first heavy snowfall ever witnessed there for the last 20 years during the middle of April.

The engagement has been announced of Miss N. Talan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Talan of Shanghai, to Mr. Alexander Redkin.

Mr. B. Monteith Webb, of Arnold & Co., Ltd., is returning to Shanghai on the Dollar str. President Pierce, which left San Francisco on April 11.

The Shanghai Postal Employees Union, which recently presented a demand to the Chiao Tungpu for an increase in wages and bonuses, have received a reply from the Ministry, definitely rejecting the demand and saying that other government employees whose treatment is not so good as the postal employees' have not presented demands.

An official of the Waichiaoou, states, the vernacular press, called on the French Consul in Nanking recently and suggested that a telegram be sent immediately to Count D. de Martel, the retiring French Minister, requesting the latter to open negotiations with the Chinese Government regarding the rendition of the local French Mixed Court without delay.

Ex-workers of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co. in Shanghai appealed to the Central University, Nanking, to use its influence to induce the management of the company to re-open the factories in order to give work to ex-employees of that concern who are now idle. The company closed its factory on Broadway last February owing to heavy financial losses.

Young trees now planted along the entrance of the Shanghai District Court from the gateway to the court buildings might give visitors to the institution almost an impression that it was a hospital, however, after seeing the interior, where, though people are often led there lamenting, the doctors they find are doctors of law, and their prescriptions are for moral rather than corporeal remedy.

A Nanking telegram to the *Eastern Times* states that five American students have been admitted to the Central University, Nanking, and that three more are due to arrive in China this week. The telegram further states that a letter has been received by the University from India, asking whether foreign students will be admitted. In reply, the telegram says, the University authorities say that they will welcome students of non-Chinese nationality.

Murder by wireless was the fiendish plan devised by a peasant. Riding to Wamsdorf, he climbed on to the roof of the house of his brother-in-law, against whom he had a grudge, fixed a wire to the wireless antenna and flung the other end over a high overhead cable. The intended victim clamped the head phones over his ears but the wire fused and the man was unhurt. The short circuit, however, plunged the neighbourhood in darkness. The culprit was arrested.

Josephine Dunn, appearing in "Melody Lane" at the Queen's Theatre, was born in New York, May 1, 1909. She attended the Holy Cross School there, studying secretarial work until she joined a musical comedy company playing "Good Morning Dearie." She was then 15 years old. Subsequently she appeared in other musical comedies and finally figured with Ziegfeld's "Follies" in 1924 and 1925. After entering the film business she achieved successes in "Excess Baggage" and with Al Jolson in "The Singing Fool." She is unmarried and resides in Los Angeles.

In refusing to print extracts from what it describes as "an impertinent biography of the Queen," written by Mrs. Charlotte Cavendish, who is said to be the widow of the late Colonel Cavendish, of the Indian Army, the *Daily Mail* says that the authoress attributes to Her Majesty views on the marriage of her sons. It adds: "The book is written in the worst of taste and must be most offensive to the Royal Family. There is a strong suspicion that the book, which is unauthorised, has been written principally with the object of temporarily satisfying the voracious appetite of the transatlantic reading public for 'inside details of the lives of members of Royalty.'"

Labour is contented at the Fushun collieries, reports the *Manchuria Daily News*. In the past place, says our contemporary, the Chinese foremen have been prevented from squeezing their men's pay, which, in itself, is a boon to the miners, who number more than 40,000 at present. The men are paid individually according to the actual results of their day's work. This has given the men a strong incentive to improve working efficiency. The best hands are known to put out more than four tons per head per day. It is all the more remarkable, remembering that used to be two tons or so a day until a few years ago. The men are naturally pleased with the phenomenal increase of their earnings which are admitted to be the highest for the labourers of their kind in all China.

Another \$50,000 have been committed to Russia by the Administrative Yuan to relieve the Chinese who suffered during the recent Sino-Russian conflict over the Chinese Eastern Railway, reports the Chinese press.

Historic old Newstead Abbey, famous as the ancestral home of Lord Byron, has been purchased by Sir Julien Cahn for presentation to the Nation unconditionally. Newstead is older even than the Byron family. The abbey, which will be secured for the English people for all time by Sir Julien's benefaction, was a priory when the founder of the line, Sir John Byron, entered into possession in 1540. The poet was not born there, but was taken to Newstead by his mother at the age of ten years. "It was a change from a shabby Scotch flat to a palace," Lord Byron wrote.

Doctor Bequasath His Body. Dr. Richard Whittington, of Hove, in a letter to the *British Medical Journal*, draws attention to the difficulty of getting sufficient suitable material for anatomical schools, and asks:—"Is it not time that some of us, at all events, when we should not offend the sentiments of the susceptibilities of those we leave behind, left our own corpses for such purpose? Is it not rather a pleasing thought that some discovery may be made which will benefit mankind or, at least, that we are making medical study easier? The cremated ashes could, of course, be collected and buried later. I am not advocating what I do not suggest for myself, and have left instructions in my will making such an offer to the Oxford Medical School."

Through Dark Glasses. Speaking of the proposal that the British portion of the Boxer Indemnity should be handed back to the National Government for railway construction, the *Central China Post* hopes that it will not be handed over until there is peace in the country and no possibility of the money being used for anything but constructive purposes instead of destructive, or in any way putting it in the power of a Party to use it for their own advancement. Actions of the past three years, however, continues our contemporary, have been such that we confess to tremors, and the appearance of Sir Miles Lampson and Mr. Teichman at Nanking with the avowed object of discussing further the abolition of extraterritoriality, and if Dr. C. T. Wang is correctly quoted, the handing over of the Boxer Indemnity just when this country is in the throes of the greatest civil war it has ever seen, cannot but arouse the gravest anxiety for the future. For three years for the British prestige not only in this country but throughout Asia.

Looking Back 25 Years. The Hong Kong Hotel Co. Ltd. sued Freiwald Vojacek for \$37,677, owing by the defendant for board and chits. Defendant asked the manager of the hotel (Mr. A. F. Davies), to produce the chits, amounting to between eight and nine dollars, mentioned in the bill. The hotel shoff gave evidence that defendant tore up the chits after looking through them.

His Honour, to defendant.—Do you want to go into the witness-box? The defendant hesitated. "His Honour—I advise you not. If you tell any untruths I shall send you to a place you won't like."

The defendant not giving evidence or calling witnesses, judgment was given against him with costs.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, April 29, 1930.

Looking Back 50 Years. Yesterday the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co. handed to the authorities—the Charles-May, a steam-launch for the use of the police, which is said to be as fine a boat of her class as ever floated in Hong Kong harbour, built at a cost of between six and seven thousand dollars. Of course, one of the first things to be done after taking delivery of a boat is to try her, and it would be thought naturally enough that no persons were more competent to undertake the task than the officers in the Harbour Master's Department. But it seems otherwise, as the trial resulted in the piling-up of this fine new craft, on the rocks, somewhere the other side, by the muffs in charge of her, and she was lying last evening beached, workmen being busy trying to patch up her injuries in order to get her into dock. Of all men afloat or ashore in this port, we should have thought those in the Harbour Department would have been best acquainted with the rocks and shoals of the British waters round this island, and no doubt that a policeman in charge of her, the men comprising the nautical staff of the Harbour Department would be the first to dub the unfortunate "constable lubber."—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, April 29, 1930.

GRAVE SITUATION IN INDIA.**PRESS ORDINANCE OF 1910 REVIVED.****VICEROY'S APPEAL TO SOBER AND STABLE ELEMENTS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SIMLA, April 27.

The Viceroy has promulgated the Press Ordinance reviving the Press Act of 1910 with amendments to suit the present political conditions.

The original Act of 1910 dealt with incitements to murder, acts of violence and passages tending to seduce soldiers and sailors from allegiance to duty or to bring hatred or contempt on the British Government, native Princes or His Majesty's subjects.

Spirit of Revolution.

SIMLA, April 27.

The Viceroy, in a statement in connection with the promulgation of the Press Ordinance, says the riots at Calcutta and Karachi, the outbreak at Chittagong and the disturbances at Peshawar, show clearly that a spirit of revolution, fostered by the civil disobedience movement, is beginning to emerge in dangerous forms.

Nothing is operating at present to promote so powerfully that spirit as writings in the Press openly inciting to violent revolutionary action and encouraging the spirit of lawlessness throughout the country.

Lord Irwin appeals for the more sober and stable elements in India to co-operate with him and the Government in resisting the forces of anarchy and in leading the country back into the paths of peace.

Vigilance Still Required.

SIMLA, April 27.

The Government of India, in a communique, states that the Peshawar district is quiet although the situation still requires vigilance. There is no reason to anticipate further trouble.

The tribes across the border have shown no inclination to participate in the disturbances and tranquillity prevails along the frontier generally.

Police Fire on Rioters.

MADRAS, April 27.

The Police here were forced to fire on a mob of rioters, killing two and injuring three. The crowd heavily stoned the police, injuring the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner.

Several warnings were given to the mob, but these proved ineffective and the Police then fired seven shots.

The situation is now quiet.**ZEPPELIN'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.****DR. ECKNER PAYS TRIBUTE TO BRITISH AIRSHIPS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 27.

The Graf Zeppelin, which flew from her base at Friedrichshafen yesterday, arrived at Cardington at the appointed time in the late afternoon. It made a beautiful landing and was moored for a short time on the Royal Air Force Aerodrome. Her 22 passengers having disembarked, Doctor Eckner, her commander, who had been in England for some days, went on board together with Sir Sifton Bracker, Director of Civil Aviation and several other persons prominent in English aviation who were passengers on the return flight to Friedrichshafen.

There was great enthusiasm at Cardington, officers of the first Zeppelin to visit England since the war being given a cordial welcome.

On her way to Cardington the Zeppelin passed over Wembley Stadium while play was in progress and saluted the King, who returned the salutation.

During his visit to Cardington, Dr. Eckner boarded R100 which was riding at her mooring tower and also inspected her sister airship, the R101, which is in her shed.

Dr. Eckner expressed keen interest in these vessels and remarked in an interview that in ship structure and nose mooring gear they represented an advance on other countries, and said he believed the model of a new mechanical transporter for carrying passengers into its shed was likely to be universally adopted.

The Graf Zeppelin remained at Cardington only 37 minutes and proceeded via London, Dover, Brussels and Hamburg to her base, which was reached at 6.42 this morning.

ANOTHER HEARST OUTBURST.**ATTACK ON BRITISH PREMIER.****"COMPLETE BLOCKADE OF BRITAIN."**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 28.

Another open letter violently attacking Mr. Ramsay MacDonald for his conduct of the Naval Conference is published in the Hearst newspapers throughout the United States.

Mr. Hearst says:—"We believe your double-dealing will prove to have killed the cause of Anglo-American co-operation, and Anglo-American co-operation is far more important to Britain than to America."

"If England is involved in another Great War, as she is apparently determined to be, the outcome of that war will be, first, a complete blockade of Britain to starvation point by hostile submarines; second, the partial destruction of London by aeroplane bombardment; third, the eventual occupation of England by an enemy and the transfer of the Capital of the Empire to Canada."

No Faith in English Statesmen. Mr. Hearst declares that his newspapers have utterly lost faith in the sincerity of English statesmen, and until England comes to have the same broad-mindedness and enlightened sense of self-interest as the more progressive Dominions, the Hearst newspapers will withdraw from their list their editorial objectives for a plan of co-operative agreement with Britain.

ITALY LAUNCHES FIVE WARSHIPS.**FOUR CRUISERS AND TWO SUBMARINES.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TRIESTE, April 28.

Within a week of signing the Naval Treaty Italy has launched five new warships, namely, four cruisers and one submarine, including two 10,000-ton cruisers.

EASTER AIR-TOURISTS RETURN.**AVERAGE COST OF FUEL £20.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 28.

The main body of air tourists who spent Easter over on the Continent have returned to Heston. They covered three thousand miles at an average fuel cost of £20, and visited six capitals and numerous other places.

GREEK COMMUNISTS ACTIVE.**MANY ARRESTS MADE BY THE POLICE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ATHENS, April 27.

The Police here arrested 122 Communists who were holding an unauthorized meeting to discuss preparations for the May Day demonstration.

RUBBER RESTRICTIONS.**NATIVE PRODUCERS TO JOIN IN TAPPING HOLIDAY.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BATAVIA, April 28.

Two hundred native rubber producers on the west coast of Sumatra have decided to join in the tapping holiday during May.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.**NEW SERVICE BETWEEN ENGLAND AND AUSTRALIA.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANBERRA, April 28.

The week-end test of wireless telephone communication between England and Australia was completely successful, and even heard distinctly the rustling of papers on a desk in the London Post Office.

The service will be officially opened at 6 p.m. on Wednesday by a talk between Mr. Scullin, Premier of Australia, and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

MARTIAL LAW IN SHANGHAI.**POLICE SEIZE 4 TONS OF LITERATURE.****FEARS OF GENERAL STRIKE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 28.

The recrudescence of Communist labour agitation as exemplified by the motor-bus and tramway strikes, the active propaganda among postal and electric power employees to bring them out in sympathy, and the scattering of thousands of leaflets in the streets has caused apprehensions of a general strike in Shanghai on Labour Day, but the strong attitude of the Chinese authorities who have proclaimed martial law in Greater Shanghai coupled with a hundred and fifty arrests during the week-end may prevent trouble.

This afternoon the police on the French Concession raided a lonely house and found a number of Chinese feverishly turning out Communist Labour Day propaganda wholesale by one of the most modern printing plants in Shanghai. The police seized four tons of literature including appeals in English addressed to foreign troops.

ACCIDENT AT AIR CIRCUS.**SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED BY CRASHING PLANE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FAYETTEVILLE, Tennessee, April 28.

Seven spectators were killed and a score injured by a stunting aeroplane which crashed into a crowd which was watching an air circus.

DEATH OF MR. M. MONTGOMERY.**BRITISH VICE-CONSUL AT HANKOW.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, April 28.

The British Consulate has received a telegram which states that the Vice-Consul, Mr. Malcolm Montgomery, was accidentally drowned at Changsha whilst bathing.

MENINGITIS ON THE PACIFIC COAST.**FAR EAST NOT GUILTY.**

[UNITED PRESS.]

Washington, April 28.—A situation dangerous to "the general public health" exists on the Pacific Coast of the United States, particularly in Seattle and San Francisco, because of the prevalence of meningitis in that area, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, Dr. Hugh Cummings, reports in a letter to Senator Hiram Bingham, Republican of Connecticut, to-day.

It was not altogether clear that the Far East was the source of this disease, the Surgeon General asserted. As far as the Philippines were concerned only two cases have been reported there in the last year.

Meningitis had been reported epidemic in Kwangtung recently, Dr. Cummings said, while near epidemic conditions have prevailed at various times during the last two years in parts of Shanghai and vicinity.

It was impossible to state definitely that the infection had been introduced into the United States from ships, the Surgeon General added, declaring he was hopeful that measures already adopted by the Health Service would result in stamping out the disease.

STATE GOVERNOR ON TRIAL.**ALLEGED EXCESSIVE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE.**

[UNITED PRESS.]

Sheboygan, Wis., April 28.—The trial of Governor Kohler of the state of Wisconsin, charged with excessive expenditure during his campaign for election, started here to-day. If he is convicted he will be removed from office.

The complaint against the governor was signed by Philip LaFollette, son of the late famous United States Senator and a brother of Senator Robert LaFollette. Philip LaFollette is a candidate for governor in the forthcoming primary election as a candidate of the Republican Party.

BANDITS RAID KINGSUCHEN.**OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS MURDERED.****TOWN A MASS OF RUINS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 28.

A telegram received from Chinese Military Headquarters states that more than a thousand people were killed and a thousand captives were carried off for ransom, when bandits looted Kingsuchen, North Kiangsu, last Saturday.

The Brigands, who were armed with twenty machine-guns, burned to the ground every house and shop in the city. After murdering the town officials, and all who resisted leaving the town, which is a mass of ruins, the brigands made off.

It is understood that troops are being sent to round up the miscreants.

COMMUNISTS OCCUPY SIENTAOCHEN.**TWO PRIESTS TAKEN CAPTIVE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, April 28.

Sientaochen, a hundred miles up the Han River, was captured by Communists, who are reported to be four thousand strong, last Friday. Two Catholic priests of the St. Columban's Mission were taken captive.

Bishop Galvin of Hanyang, who is at present visiting Sientaochen, is remaining there to negotiate for the release of the priests. No demand for ransom has as yet been made.

ESCAPE FROM BANDITS.**MR. BRIDGMAN AND CHINESE PASTOR REACH FOCHOW.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, April 28.

Mr. Bridgman and the Chinese pastor who were captured by bandits at Changshow, on April 15, have escaped. They reached Fochow safely and apparently seem little the worse for their experiences.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST MAY-DAY DISTURBANCES.**MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN PART OF NATIVE CITY.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 28.

Martial law was declared yesterday night in the western district of Shanghai native city. This is the first step towards preventing possible Communist outbreaks on May Day in the Settlement.

The French Concession authorities are also taking precautions against possible disturbances.

A Labour newspaper *The Worker's Voice* has been sealed and the editors arrested.

AN ALLY FOR YEN.**IT IS REPORTED FROM MUKDEN THAT SUN CHUAN FANG HAS GONE FROM DAIREN TO MUKDEN FROM WHERE HE INTENDS TO GO TO TAIYUANFU, WITH THE OBJECT OF JOINING YEN HAI SHAN.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, April 28.

Chiang Kai Shek returned yesterday evening after inspecting the defences in the Peking-Hankow Railway region.

PROHIBITION POLL.**LATEST "LITERARY DIGEST" FIGURES.**

[UNITED PRESS.]

New York, April 2.—The poll on public sentiment towards the existing prohibition laws, being conducted by the *Literary Digest*, was made public again this morning showing the following figures:—

For modification, 1,105,083.
For repeal of the existing laws, 1,507,314.
For enforcement, 1,092,745.

COST OF LIVING IN CANTON.**RICE GOES UP 100 PER CENT.**

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 28.

The cost of living in Canton is abruptly rising. Practically everything has gone up 30 per cent. during the last year. But the cost of rice, the main food on which Chinese subsist, has suddenly soared about 100 per cent., to-day's quotation for the superior grade being one dollar per five catties.

The poorer class of people in Canton are particularly hard hit, as their wages are small. This sudden rise in prices has induced the wealthier people to hoard up large quantities of this staple article of food, thus making the market tighter, prices are advancing.

The increase in the price of rice is due to the continued civil strife throughout China, to the abrupt fall in the exchange, to the crop failure in Annam and Siam, and to the ban on the exportation of rice in Wuhu and Hankow, both rice exporting centres.

The Canton General Chamber of Commerce, alarmed with the present acute rice shortage, has decided upon the following as a solution:—(1) That the Government be requested to call a meeting of the various classes of people and the different bureaux of famine relief to discuss the matter with a view to relieving those in distress; (2) that the big rice dealers and the Rice Merchants' Association be requested to buy large quantities of rice direct from Annam, Siam and Wuhu; and (3) that the Government be requested to draw up comprehensive plans for, and give every inducement to, the development of agriculture in Kwangtung.

A man accused at Middlesex Sessions, told he could select a counsel to defend him from among those in court, said, "I should like to see their faces. They say faces are an index to the mind." Eventually he chose a barrister named Mr. Moses. Mr. Bickmore (prosecuting)—You have chosen wisely in having the Law-giver.

TWO PIRATE BOATS CAPTURED.**OUTLAWS ARE TAKEN BY SURPRISE.****GUNBOATS LIBERATES EIGHT FROM CAPTIVITY.**

Two pirate ships have been captured, according to a Chinese report from Canton.

While on patrol duty, the gunboat Chi Lee came across a pirate vessel, painted white. The gunboat opened fire and gave chase. The fugitive vessel sailed at full speed, and the outlaws, seeing the futility of trying to make away with the vessel, jumped into the river and escaped. The abandoned craft, which was subsequently towed to Canton by the gunboat, was formerly a merchantman and was captured by the pirates some while ago.

Another pirate vessel was captured by the gunboat Kwong Wah near Chungshan district on Saturday last. The vessel on seeing the gunboat hugged the coast, and the pirates got ashore and escaped. Eight people, who had been kidnapped by the marauders, were found on board, and they, together with the vessel, were taken to Canton.

U.S. SHIPPING BOARD INVESTIGATION.**PRESIDENTIAL VETO SUSTAINED.**

[UNITED PRESS.]

WASHINGTON, April 28.—

The Senate to-day adopted without objection the McKellar resolution for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the United States Shipping Board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

In the House of Representatives an attempt was made to over-ride President Hoover's veto of the Commemorative Coinage bill. It failed. It was the first attempt to over-ride a presidential veto during the present administration.

PIRACIES ON WEST RIVER.**SERIOUSLY AFFECTING TRADE.**

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 28.

The destruction by pirates of the Tung Hing junk on the West River near Fak Fa Tau last Friday night, involving a loss of over 140 lives, and the kidnapping of some 90 persons, is seriously affecting inland water-navigation.

People are cautious and refuse to travel by junk unless they absolutely have to. They rather take a circuitous, expensive but safe, route by going via Hong Kong or Macao. Trade between Canton and the interior of Kwangtung is practically at a standstill, owing to the fear of the merchants to send goods by junk.

The shipping merchants intend to hold a meeting to discuss ways and means of combatting pirate menaces. Perhaps the junks will again be compelled to travel in groups while passing through dangerous points on the river. In so doing they will be in a better position to ward off piratical attacks.

The shipping merchants cannot hope to receive protection from the Government, so long as civil war is going on in Kwangsi and elsewhere. They are left to solve their own problems and to find their way out. It is solely because of these predicaments that so many junk owners have thought it in their own interest to comply with the demands of the pirates and pay the "protection fees" regularly. The writer is informed that some of the junks pay as much as \$300 a month to the pirates in order that they may not be molested.

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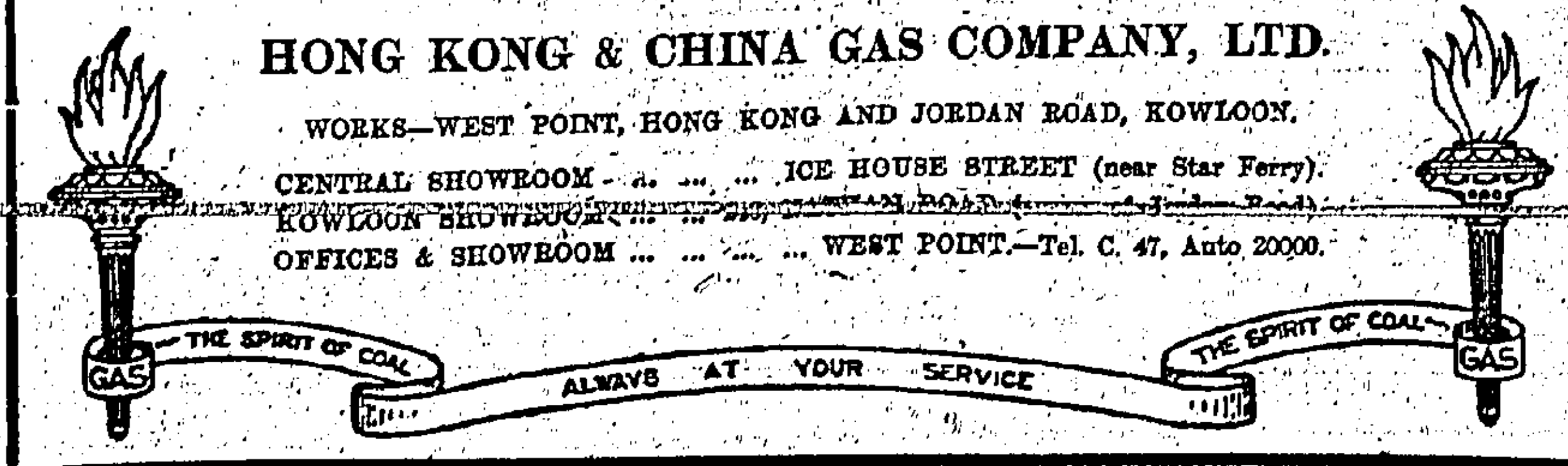
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Sports News

U.S. BASEBALL

ATHLETICS AND GIANTS RETAIN PREMIER PLACES.

[UNITED PRESS.]

New York April 30.—Victories to-day by the Philadelphia Athletics and the New York Giants kept them at the top of the American and National League respectively, with unblemished records thus far in the course of a season still very young indeed.

The Cleveland Indians and the Detroit Tigers battled without scoring for six innings, but in the seventh an Indian pinch hitter, Burnett, doubled and scored two for the only tallies of the game.

The Athletics met Boston to-day and for a time they seemed due for their first defeat. The seventh inning in this case also told the tale, for in the seventh the Philadelphia called and scored three runs which brought them in 3-4 winners. Boston made two errors.

A pitchers' battle developed in the Yank-Senators game. The Senators' young southpaw Lloyd Brown and the Yank veteran Zachary went at it hammer and gong but in the seventh inning the younger man broke his older opponent and Washington gathered in a 6-3 victory. Both teams made eight runs, and the Yanks erred twice.

Once more the seventh inning was crucial when Wally Berger of the Boston Braves whacked out a home run with the bases full, cutting Brooklyn to go down to defeat 2-7.

Blair of the Cubs tripled and Cuyler doubled, scoring two runs and breaking a seventh-inning tie at 3-3 with Cincinnati and causing Chicago to win 4-3. The Cubs made 12 runs to six for the Reds, though they also made two errors to one.

Out of the Giants made a home run in the fifth against Philadelphia. Hubbell's pitching was invincible. The Giants won 2-1 in an errorless game, with the Phillies making but four hits.

The following are the detailed results of to-day's games:—

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	3	10	0
Boston	3	9	2
New York	3	8	2
Washington	6	8	0
Cleveland	2	7	0
Detroit	0	3	0

St. Louis v. Chicago postponed, rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Clubs.	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	4	12	2
Cincinnati	3	6	1
Philadelphia	1	1	0
New York	2	9	0
Boston	7	8	1
Brooklyn	2	8	2

Pittsburgh v. St. Louis postponed because of rain.

STANDING.

Clubs.	Won	Lost	Pct.
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000
Detroit	2	0	.667
Washington	2	0	.667
Boston	3	3	.500
Chicago	1	1	.500
Cleveland	2	2	.500
St. Louis	1	2	.333
New York	0	4	.000

(Continued on next Column.)

SACRED HEART COLLEGE.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Sacred Heart College will hold its sixth annual athletic sports on Saturday, May 3, on the Kowloon Football Club ground. The half-mile race open to the Colony is timed to take place at 3.45 p.m. Entrance free, post entry.

The numerous handsome prizes are now exhibited at the Star Store, Nathan Road, Kowloon. The president and the committee wish to express special thanks to the following gentlemen and firms for their generosity in making donations and giving prizes towards the forthcoming meet:—Sir Shou-san Chow, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. J. H. Taggart, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. W. E. Hollands, British-American Tobacco Co., Mr. R. M. Dyer, Bank of East Asia, Bank of Canton, Jardine, Matheson & Co., the Bank of China, Hong Kong Football Association, Co-operative Trading Co., Mr. Wong Kam Fook, Connaught Aerated Water Co., Mr. Chen Po Sien, Banque Franco-Chinoise, Hon. Dr. S. W. Tse, Lo & Lo, Kwong Sang Hong, the Sincere Co., Mr. K. Y. Tsoi, Mr. O. K. Luke, Mr. Woo Hay Tong, Mr. Shum Hip Tong, Watson & Co., Commercial Press, the Sun Co., Wing On Co., Mr. H. Dixon, Mr. A. H. White and Butterfield & Swire.

THE DAVIS CUP.

BRITAIN v. RUMANIA OR POLAND.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUCBY, April 27.

Having eliminated Germany from the Davis Cup competition by three matches to two, Great Britain will meet the winner of the match between Rumania and Poland in the second round.

EXHIBITION TENNIS.

DUNLOP'S OFFER OF BALLS.

We have been officially informed that the Dunlop Rubber Company have made an offer to provide the tennis balls in the exhibition games arranged for to-day and to-morrow free of charge, as part of the receipts will be put aside for the "Sepoy" Fund.

This is, of course, subject to the approval of the players concerned, as it is not sure whether they will need any particular make of balls.

To-day's game between Aragon and Lum is scheduled to start at 4.45 p.m.

STANDING.

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Detroit	2	0	.667
Washington	2	0	.667
Boston	3	3	.500
Chicago	1	1	.500
Cleveland	2	2	.500
St. Louis	1	2	.333
New York	0	4	.000

(Continued on next Column.)

Hong Kong at Play.

SPORTS NOTES AND COMMENTS.

[By "BROADCASTER."]

Racing enthusiasts will be pleased to hear that the Hong Kong Jockey Club are contemplating the admission of ponies up to 14 hands 1 inch at the next Annual Meeting. This proposal will form the subject of a meeting shortly, and if the scheme is accepted, it will mean that bigger ponies will be seen on our courses and possibly a record or two will be lowered next season. The weights proposed are also interesting, it being intended that 140 lbs. be allotted to ponies of 12 hands 2 inches, and that three pounds be allotted for every additional inch, so that a pony of 14 hands 1 inch would carry 161 pounds.

The introduction of the measure will mean, of course, that bigger ponies will be allowed to race here, but I am afraid that in size they will not be much bigger than some that have raced here already. Some ponies grow after they have been officially measured, and the feeling is current that if some of the bigger animals now racing in Hong Kong were measured they would be not less than 14 hands.

The question of weights involves an interesting question as to how jockeys are going to make the weight. Some of the leading jockeys of Hong Kong and Shanghai would find it exceedingly difficult to make 150 pounds, to say nothing of 140. Further, most of the subscription griffins imported from year to year are small animals, and they will be carrying such small imposts that their jockeys will frequently have to ride over-weight.

The widening of the race-tracks which I mentioned in this column last week is progressing rapidly. The sand-track has been pushed back a few feet and was thrown open during last week. The grass course, I feel sure, will be ready by the time the summer interval is over. The wider-straight will probably mean closer finishes and perhaps faster times, but that remains to be seen.

Mr. G. U. da Roza, the popular local jockey, will be getting married this week-end to the daughter of the official timekeeper of the Jockey Club. Mr. Roza has had an excellent career in local racing, rising from the ranks of the novice to what might be called the top-most rung of the ladder. He has several spectacular wins to his credit, and all sportsmen will wish him as successful a career after his marriage as before. Miss Alves, his bride-to-be, is also a keen supporter of the local turf.

Brilliant football characterised the play of both teams when the Rest defeated the Services by three goals to one in the charity match which was played at the Club ground on Saturday before a large crowd. The forwards gave a superb exhibition, as the score suggests, while the Rest held a slight advantage throughout. Gosano, who opened the scoring for the Rest, was in fine form and delighted the spectators with an exhibition which Hong Kong crowds seldom witness. The other two inside men, Goldman and Suen, also did well and were responsible for a goal each. After being two goals down in the first half, the Services replied with one on resumption and were gallantly striving to equalise, but before they could do so the Rest added a further goal. Out of the five men that formed the Services' attack four were from the formidable Navy XI, and Clarke, the Rest's goalie, did some excellent work in effecting a number of beautiful saves.

Prior to the charity game at the Club ground, Chinese Athletic "A" met and defeated the Somerset Light Infantry XI by four goals to nil. This victory definitely gave the Chinese team the championship of the Junior League, as they have two points more than their nearest rivals, the K.O.S.B. Reserves, and also have a match in hand. To defeat the S.L.I. team by four clear goals is no mean feat. The military XI has been doing quite well in the Junior League, and only last week they registered a victory over St. Joseph's Reserves by 10-0.

The Chinese Athletic "A" were put to the supreme test when they played against the Navy Reserves last Wednesday at Sookunpo. The sailors were making a bid for the Junior Championship, and it was a queer coincidence that, like their senior team, their chances were spoiled by the same Club, Chinese Athletic Association. Last Wednesday's match was a struggle between two evenly matched sides, and the steadier game the Chinese team won by 2-1. Chinese "A" has a well-balanced side, and had been practising very hard during the season. They fully deserve to be champions, and are congratulated on their success.

(Continued on next Column.)

NEW STABLES FOR JOCKEY CLUB.

WONG NEI CHONG SITE PURCHASED.

YESTERDAY'S SALES OF CROWN LAND.

An interesting sale yesterday took place at the Crown Land Office when Inland Lots No. 3033 and 3034, covering respectively 123,000 square feet and 94,800 square feet, were knocked down by the Government auctioneer to the Hong Kong Jockey Club at the upset price of \$109,250.

The areas are situated near the Jewish Cemetery at Wong Nei Chong and it is understood that the Jockey Club intend putting up stables on their newly acquired site. The new stables will be in a far more convenient position than the present ones at Causeway, as, with the increasing traffic, the passage of ponies to and from the present stables is a difficult problem, except in the very early hours of the morning, when there is practically no traffic.

LANDING GROUNDS IN MALAYA.

THE CHAIN FORGED AT SINGAPORE.

That Singapore has at last decided on a site for an aerodrome, and thus will forge the final link in the chain through Malaya, is announced in the S.S. Government Gazette which states that 183 acres of land is being acquired in the Geylang for this purpose. Singapore has been lagging sadly behind in this respect for work is already being carried out on other aerodromes in the country, which should be completed by the end of the present year.

The first landing ground for aircraft coming from India to Singapore will be Victoria Point, then Alor Star, Penang, Taiping, Kuala Lumpur, Port Swettenham, Batu Pahat and Singapore.

The land which is being acquired for the aerodrome in Singapore is at present a low-lying swampy area near the Kallang basin. This land will have to be drained, cleared and levelled, and it will take at least four years before the aerodrome is ready. This will mean that Singapore will be three years behind other towns in Malaya, whose landing-grounds will be ready next year. Meanwhile commercial aircraft coming to Singapore will use the R.A.F. aerodrome at Seletar. (Times of Malaya.)

The success of Chinese teams in football during the present season has been remarkable and they should be proud of the tribute paid to them by the Hon. Mr. Kotewall on Saturday night at the Hong Kong Football Club dinner. He said: "As a Chinese I naturally took a pride in the fact that this season it was a combined Chinese team that won the International Charity Cup, and it was also a Chinese team that carried off the League championship; but I take greater pride in the knowledge which I have gained that the teams in gaining their victories gained them in a sportsmanlike manner." The Hon. Mr. Kotewall has aptly summarised in a few words the successful efforts of the Chinese teams, but it remains to be added that the premier positions in the Junior Shield and League are also occupied by teams from the Chinese Athletic Association.

The swimming season is now opening, and Victoria Recreation Club are already making arrangements for a series of night fetes. It is hoped that contests with the Northern ports will be held this summer but details of arrangements are not yet to hand. Mr. J. R. Johnson, the holder of many local records, may take no active part in swimming this year. He will instead do some coaching work, but should the Interport contests come off it is hoped that he will take part in a few races, as his services to the Colony in the past are not forgotten and will be greatly missed if he takes no active part.

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SIR C. CLEMENTI ON MALAYA.

OPENS EXHIBITION AT KUALA LUMPUR.

A correspondent of the Straits Times, writing under date April 19, states:—

Fourteen dusty, sun-baked acres, swarming with all the peoples of the Peninsula, and presenting a wonderfully full and detailed picture of the queer medley of ancient and modern, simple and complex, kampong life and capitalist industry, benevolent imperialism and benighted ignorance, which is contemporary Malaya—such is the Malayan Exhibition which opened at Kuala Lumpur this morning.

As a means of education without tears, for anyone from a university educated European to a kampong dweller, the show is without a parallel in this country. In fifty thousand feet of floor space there are staged many thousands of exhibits, illustrating not only the agricultural phases of Malayan life but many others as well, and the experts in charge of the various sections are only too anxious to explain technical mysteries to the visitor.

For the peasantry, in particular, the educative influence of this show must be enormous. At least sixty thousand people are expected to stream into the grounds in Ampang Road to-day, to-morrow and Monday, and they will come from all parts of the Peninsula. With one or two minor exceptions, exhibits representative of the whole country can be found in the competitive classes, and these exhibits are brought by kampong delegates who travel at the expense of the Agricultural Association. Here they Malaya meet their fellows from other parts of the Peninsula, they are filled with an incentive to grow better produce by seeing the successes of others, and they learn by visual and verbal tuition what the agricultural, rubber research and public health services are doing for them.

An Opening Thrill.

There was an added thrill at the opening of the show this morning, for the voice of H.E. the Governor and High Commissioner was heard through loud-speakers distributed (Continued on next Column.)

RATS OR REDS?

HANKOW'S LIGHT SUPPLY FAILS.

[UNITED PRESS.]

Hankow, April 28.—Hankow is speculating as to whether Communists or a rat should be blamed for throwing the entire Chinese city into darkness on Saturday night.

The Electric Light Company blames the rat, and shows a body as evidence. Some municipal officials blame the Communists.

There was very nearly a panic when the lights went off and a story was soon circulated that agitators had damaged the power plant. This night passed without trouble, however, and on Sunday the Electric Company showed to the officials who came to inquire, the charred body of a rodent, which, they said, was all that remained of a rat, which had gnawed wires and thus caused a short circuit.

Experts have been called in to determine whether the rat died of electrocution, while the police continue their inquiries to see whether Communists might, not after all be responsible, possibly by using a trained rat.

over the grounds—and Sir Cecil Clementi was sixty miles away on the cool heights of Fraser's Hill. His Excellency spoke into a microphone, and his speech was transmitted by land-line to the show grounds, where it was broadcast by the Posts and Telegraphs Department. The same Department, in conjunction with the Kuala Lumpur Amateur Wireless Society, is using the occasion to do some useful wireless propaganda, for it proposes to broadcast gramophone music and the Bandoneon programmes throughout the show.

Calling on His Excellency to declare the exhibition open, Mr. F. W. Douglas, the president of the Agricultural Association, said this was the first exhibition to be held on the association's own grounds.

In an important speech, Sir Cecil Clementi emphasised that Malaya ought to become a rice exporting country instead of having to import rice. He emphasised the value of co-operative societies.

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FREE ADVICE FOR INVESTORS.

[By "KUFAN"]

Gossip often moves the market, but no investor should either buy or sell on market gossip only.

The Easter holidays appear to have had a good effect on the market, as at the resumption of business on Tuesday last there was some excitement over a good few stocks.

Trams took what might be called a "premature" jump, which, needless to add, has not been maintained. The "boom" was due to another rumour floating about in the market, but since the report had nothing solid behind it, those who dabbled in Trams last week will probably be richer only in experience—in some cases bought at high cost.

In several other stocks there were many inquiries, and rates have been maintained throughout. I understand the volume of business on the "Rinko" in Trams, Cement, Hotels, Electric, and China Lights was fairly large.

April Settlement.

To-day is Settlement day, and I understand everything is likely to be put through without any difficulty. From what I can see, the general appreciation of rates has meant a profit for the majority of those interested in shares. While I am not a pessimist, my advice to those who have profit to show is this: take your profit. Notwithstanding the present glut of money in Hong Kong, I am afraid those who hold on too long are liable to lose some or all of their profit. There should be a slight easing-off in prices during the summer months, when it would be time enough to come in again.

"Artificial Boosting!"

There is one complaint I have heard last week from several traders which deserves publicity. Much of the boosting in the market is artificial, inasmuch as persons desirous of acquiring shares generally make inquiries from a number of brokers instead of one man or firm. The result is that the market seems to be full of buying inquiries when in fact only one party is buying. This tends to push up prices at the expense of the actual buyer, who by giving an indication of his requirements to more than one firm, is really doing himself a bad turn.

HONG KONG BANKS: This stock showed a slight improvement during the week, and a fair business was done between \$1,385 and \$1,420. The market closed slightly easier, and shares can now be obtained at \$1,410. The demand appears to be satisfied at the moment, and a slight reaction is likely.

CANTON INSURANCES, HONG FIRES AND CHINA FIRES: These stocks are in demand at \$220, \$200 and \$255 respectively. They are considered solid investments, and are difficult to get hold of. To those who wish to buy I would advise waiting till they are offering, instead of creating a demand in the market by offering a price above quotation.

UNIONS changed hands at \$440 and \$445 during the week, and are still in request.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS have sellers at \$1.65, but buyers are holding off in view of the coming call.

STEAMBOATS after being neglected for some time have again come into the picture. There are buyers in the market at \$29, and I understand that during the week sales were effected at \$26.50.

EWOS are rather neglected so far as Hong Kong is concerned—a few shares being done at \$15.15 to \$15.25 ex rights. Small parcels can still be placed locally at \$15.15. The general opinion seems to be that there will not be much change in the rate during the next few months.

HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARVES are steady, and have buyers at \$151.

CHINA PROVIDENTS changed hands at \$5, and there are further buyers at this figure.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS have been dealt in to a fairly large extent this week, sales being made at \$12.50 to \$12.80. They closed with buyers offering \$12.60 for shares and sellers holding out for \$12.70.

HONG KONG LANDS changed hands at \$72.50, and are still wanted at this figure.

HUMPHREYS ESTATES are wanted at \$14.75. A fair number of shares changed hands at \$15.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS jumped rather suddenly at the opening of business on Tuesday, and a very large cash and forward business was done in this stock. Cash shares touched as high as \$22.25, but closed on Saturday with sellers at \$21.50. For forward business the rate varied between \$21.70 to \$23 for June. Shares for the June Settlement were offering on Saturday at \$21.70. All this excitement was due to further rumours about acquiring the Hotel Bus business.

STAR FERRIES have improved slightly, sales being effected at \$7.5. I think at this figure further shares can be placed.

CHINA LIGHTS changed hands during the week at \$23 to \$23.25 for old and \$18 to \$18.25 for new shares. They appear to be very popular still, and closed with buyers offering \$23.50 for old and \$18.50 for the new.

ELECTRICS: This stock has also improved, and I understand a fairly large business was done at \$72 to \$72.75. There are further buyers at \$73.

CEMENTS have been very steady, and a fairly large number of shares changed hands at \$15.60 to \$15.75. They closed with buyers at \$15.70.

HONG KONG ROPES had rather a sudden jump and a fair number of shares were sold at \$8.15 to \$8.40. I understand there were buyers at \$8 and sellers at \$8.25 last week.

DAIRY FARMS changed hands at \$23.25 to \$23.35, closing with sellers at the latter rate. Buyers were only offering \$23.15 on Saturday.

Holders of LANE CRAWFORDS will be pleased to hear that there were inquiries for shares in the market last week, and that two small parcels changed hands at \$3.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Every week in this column "Kufan" replies to correspondents who may have questions to put regarding the prospects of any stock quoted in Hong Kong, Shanghai or Singapore. Questions regarding principles, practice, and custom can also be dealt with.

Correspondents are asked to address their queries to "Kufan," care of the Editor of this paper, and to give their names and addresses. It is desirable that a *nomme de plume* be also included, in order that readers can readily identify the answers intended for them.

AMERICAN STOCK QUOTATIONS.

LATEST WALL STREET PRICES.

The following quotations have been received "from their correspondents, Messrs. Hayden, Stone & Co., of New York, by Messrs. Swan, Calbertson & Fritz, Sassoon House, Shanghai, (cable address: "Swanstock," Shanghai), who are not responsible for cable mutilations:—

Tone of Market—Irrregular. New York, April 26.
No. of Shares done—2,500,000.
Call Money.—4 per cent.

	Last Dividend.	Latest Sales.
American Smelting	7	73
Anacosta Copper	4	65
Baltimore and Ohio	7	115
Borg Warner	4	41
Chrysler Motors	3	37
City Service Common	30c.	None
Curtis Wright Common	80	252
Eastman Kodak	60	114
Electric Bond and Share	None.	54
Erie Railroad	3	40
General Motors	5	90
General Ry. Signal	2 1/2	47
Gold Dust	5	85
Goodyear Tire and Rubber	8	39
Granby Consolidated	5	47
Hudson Motors	4	70
International Nickel	1	37
Montgomery Ward	3	47
Norfolk Consolidated Copper	2	23
Radio Corp	None	65
Sears Roebuck & Co.	2 1/2	90
Standard Oil Co. of New York	2 1/2	45
Standard Oil Co. of New York	2 1/2	45
Union Carbide and Carbon	2 1/2	89
U.S. Rubber	None.	89
United States Steel	7	188

Every effort will be made to give as full and detailed a reply as possible, but no responsibility whatever is admitted by the writer in so doing.

Those who have written for information last week will find answers to their queries below:—
FA MING—I can see no reason why your friend should continue to pay seven per cent. to the bank on such a large sum. If, however, he does not owe all that to the bank, but only a part, I still think there is no reason for him to continue paying seven per cent. When by selling his holdings he would have a profit of a quarter-million dollars to show. The stock is very good and prices are likely to be maintained, but you are taking a gamble on that and the obvious course is to take your profit. You will be interested to hear that the indications are that there will be no new issue this year, at least.

Your scheme to sell the holding in piecemeal is quite good if you can be sure that the price is going to mount gradually, but I am afraid you may have to wait a long time, and meanwhile there is the interest to remember. Also, have you considered whether there are any surer stocks than the one in which your friend is so deeply interested which might give a better return? If so would it be wise to tie up this big sum in one stock.

DUMBOL—I cannot understand the first part of your question. Regarding the second half, I think the shares are worth their quotation, on the ground that they are not likely to come down so long as there is plenty of money in the Colony, as at present.

INTERESTED—A 1.—Not too good. A 2. In view of the answer to A 1 this is not certain, but probably one will be declared this year. A 3.—Hold. B 1.—No. B 2.—Very long, perhaps two or three years. B 3.—Sell.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	Rugby, April 27.	
Paris	123.02	
New York	4.56 7/32	
Brussels	34.82	
Geneva	25.07 1/2	
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2	
Milan	92.78	
Berlin	20.36 1/2	
Stockholm	18.09	
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2	
Oslo	18.16 1/2	
Vienna	34.40 1/2	
Prague	164 1/2	
Helsingfors	150 1/2	
Madrid	38.02 1/2	
Lisbon	108.30	
Bucharest	37 1/2	
Buenos Aires	5 13/16	
Rio de Janeiro	43 7/16	
Bombay	1 1/2 27/32	
Shanghai	1/11	
Hong Kong	1/6 9/16	
Yokohama	2/0 1/2	
Singapore	18 9/16	
Silver (forward)	10 7/16	

Mr. Matthew Gunn, the survivor of the famous Brighton twins, died in Brighton infirmary last month, aged 98. For some time he had been in bed with a broken leg. His twin brother, Mark, died a few years ago. The two came of an old Brighton family, who all rejoiced in Biblical Christian names. The twins were great chums. It was their boast that they went through life without a quarrel. When over 60 they received an offer to go on the American stage, but declined.

DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.				SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION.				
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	MONDAY, APRIL 28.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
				Banks				
...	...	...	\$1,415	H.K. Banks	\$1,410	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$1,164	Do. (London) ...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$230 1/2	Chartered Banks ...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$152 1/2	Mercantile Bks. "A" ...	...	...	...	...
\$109	...	...	...	Do. "C"	\$107	...	...	...
				Bank of East Asia...				
				Insurance				
1827 1/2	...	...	...	Canton Ins.	\$320	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Underwriters	\$1.65	...	...	...
T.180	...	...	...	North China	...	...	...	...
\$445	\$460	...	...	Union Ins.	\$440	...	...	...
...	...	...	M.850	Yangtze Ins.	...	...	...	...
\$385	...	...	...	China Fins.	\$355	...	...	...
\$900	...	...	...	H.K. Fins.	\$300	...	...	...
				Shipping				
...	...	...	\$29 1/2	Douglases	\$21	...	...	...
\$26	...	...	...	Steamboats	\$38	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Indos (pref.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (def.)	...	...	...	...
\$27	...	...	...	Shell Transporta. ...	55/-	...	...	...
				Water-boats	...	...	...	...
				Mining				
...	...	...	\$8.70	Benquets	...	...	...	...
...	61/3	...	...	Kailans	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.13.60	Langkate (comb.) ...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.7 1/2	Do. (single)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.13.30	Explorations	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.5.40	Shanghai Loans ...	...	...	...	...
\$23	...	...	...	Ranba	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	31/-	Tronoh Mines	19/3	...	...	...
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
...	...	...	...	H.K. & K. Wharves ...	\$150 1/2	...	...	...
\$151	...	\$5.10/-	20	Providents	\$5.00	...	...	...
\$5	...	...	...	H.K. Docks	\$37	...	...	...
...	\$38	...	...	Shanghai Docks ...	T.127 1/2	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.125	New Engineering ...	T.8.05	...	...	...
T.8 1/2	...	...	T.2.45	Hongkew	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Cotton Mills				
T.13 1/2	T.13.40	...	...	Ewos	T.13.15	ex rig hts	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shai Cotton (old) ...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.80	Do. (new)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.10	Zoong Sings	T.8.70	...	...	...
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
\$12.65	\$12.75	\$12.70	...	H.K. & S. Hotels ...	\$12.60	...	12.80/-	65
\$72 1/2	...	...	...	H.K. Lands	\$72 1/2	...	...	...
T.2.45	...	...	...	Shanghai Lands ...	...	...	...	...
\$8.60	...	...	...	H.K. Realty	\$61	...	...	...
...	\$14 1/2	...	...	Humphreys	\$14 1/2	...	...	...
...	\$98	...	...	Chinese Estates ...	...	...	...	...
				Public Utilities				
...	\$21 1/2	...	...	Tramways	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$11.65	Peak Trams (old) ...	\$11	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$6.05	Do. (new)	\$5 1/2	...	...	...
\$74	...	...	...	Star Ferris	\$74 1/2	...	...	...
\$23 1/2	...	\$23 1/2	...	C. Lights (old) ...	\$23.40	...	\$23 1/2	60
\$181	...	\$18 1/2	...	Do. (new)	\$18 1/2	...	...	...
\$72 1/2	...	72 1/2	...	H.K. Electric	\$72 1/2	\$78	\$72 1/2	...
\$23	...	...	...	Macao do.	...	...	...	...
\$5.05	...	...	...	Sandakan Lights ...	...	...	...	...
T.19	\$13	...	...	Telephones	\$13	...	...	...
...	10/-	...	...	China Buses	...	...	...	...
...	18/3	...	...	Tramways	...	...	...	...
				Industrials				
...	...	...	T.10	Caldbeck, (ord.) ...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.10	Macgregor (pref.) ...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$2 1/2	Canton Ice	...	...	...	...
\$15.70	...	\$15.70	...	Cement (comb.) ...	\$15.65	...	...	...
...	...	...	811	Do. (old)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$42	Do. (new)	\$4 1/2	...	...	...
\$8.15	...	...	...	Ropes	\$9.10	...	...	...
\$0.80	...	...	...	China Sugars	...	...	...	...
55	...	...	\$27	Malayan Sugars ...	...	...	...	...
			...	United Alabsters ...	...	...	...	...
				Miscellaneous				
\$23.15	\$23.40	\$23.35	...	Dairy Farms	...	\$23.35	...	...
\$0.80	...	...	...	Der A. Wings	...	...	...	...
...	\$36 1/2	...	...	Amusements	\$30	\$31	...	...
...	...	...	...	Constructions	...	...	...	...
\$18	...	...	...	Lane Crawford	\$3	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Mackintosh	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Nanyang Tobacco ...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Singapore (old) ...	\$11	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (new)	\$10.40	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Watsons	...	...	...	...
\$2.25	...	...	...	Wm. Powells	\$2 1/2	...	...	...
63 1/2	...	...	...	B. Ind. G.S. Bonds ...	63 1/2	...	...	...
8 1/2	prem.	...	...	H.K. Govt. Loan ...	\$107	...	...	...

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Shumchun	9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.
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Aberdeen	8.30 a.m.	8.30 a.m.	8.30 a.m.	8.30 a.m.
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Avian, Hingshan, Santin, Shatin, Chatsanok, and Shumgahai	3.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Saikong	4.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.	4.30 p.m.
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M.V. "ERMLAND" (2)	Genoa, Rotterdam & Hamburg	4 July

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GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DURING DAY.

[UNITED PRESS.]

New York, April 23.—Prices generally were buoyant at the close of business on the New York Stock Exchange to-day, says the Dow Jones Financial News Agency in its daily review of trading.

Stocks of the public utility companies and the petroleum concerns rallied sharply and brought buoyancy to the entire list except the coppers. Dealings were active, but there was considerable irregularity in prices during the first hour of trading after the opening at 10 a.m.

Gains in Prices.

Call money opened at four per cent, but declined as the market steadied and closed at three and a half per cent. The market showed decided improvement as the day advanced. Gains in prices ranged up to five points in several sections of the list.

Stocks in the amusement companies strengthened under the leadership of Radio-Keith-Orpheum. Westinghouse Electric advanced four points in the final hour of business to close at 193 1/4, up a quarter over yesterday's last price. Business to-day was in larger volume, sales totalling \$5,563,610 shares.

Cotton Prices Firmer.

On the cotton exchange prices firmed sharply, largely because of covering by the shorts interests and reports of dry weather in the agricultural areas of the west. Grain prices also were firmer because of the reports of droughts in the west, and support from covering by over-sold positions.

The bond market to-day was quieter.

QUOTATIONS.

Market irregular.
Business done 3,508,010 shares.

	Apr. 23	Apr. 24
Adams Express	322 3/4	322 3/4
Allied Chemical & Dye	332 3/4	332 3/4
American Can	160 1/4	160 1/4
American Rolling Mill	91 000	91 000
American Smelting	71 70	71 70
American Tel. & Tel.	254 1/2	254 1/2
American Tobacco	120 1/2	120 1/2
American Waterworks	67 1/2	67 1/2
Anacosta Copper	45 1/2	45 1/2
Atlantic Refining	117 1/2	117 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	103 1/2	103 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	48 1/2	48 1/2
Borg-Warner	48 1/2	48 1/2
Calumet & Hecla	20 1/2	20 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway	208 3/4	208 3/4
Chesapeake Corporation	77 1/2	77 1/2
Chicago Rock Island	118 1/2	118 1/2
Chrysler	39 1/2	39 1/2
Cities Service, Common	41 1/2	41 1/2
Columbia Gas & Electric	53 1/2	53 1/2
Columbia Graphophone	30 1/2	30 1/2
Commercial Solvents	58 1/2	58 1/2
Commonwealth & Southern	18 1/2	18 1/2
Commonwealth & S. Warr.	5 1/2	5 1/2
Consolidated Gas of N. Y.	182 1/2	182 1/2
Continental Oil	23 1/2	23 1/2
Corn Products	110 1/2	110 1/2
Curtis Wright Common	12 1/2	12 1/2
Davison Chemical	87 1/2	87 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	137 1/2	137 1/2
Eastman Kodak	248 1/2	248 1/2
Electric Bond & Share	118 1/2	118 1/2
Ericcson	64 1/2	64 1/2
Fox Film "A"	91 1/2	91 1/2
General Electric	58 1/2	58 1/2
General Food	51 1/2	51 1/2
General Motors	51 1/2	51 1/2
General Railway Signal	98 1/2	98 1/2
Gold Dust	48 1/2	48 1/2
Goodrich Rubber	48 1/2	48 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	85 1/2	85 1/2
Grainby	40 3/4	40 3/4
Groat Northern Certificates	89 1/2	89 1/2
Hudson Motors	50 1/2	50 1/2
International Cement	70 1/2	70 1/2
International Combustion Eng.	124 1/2	124 1/2
International Harvester	111 1/2	111 1/2
International Nickel	88 1/2	88 1/2
International Printers Ink	54 1/2	54 1/2
International Products, Com.	54 1/2	54 1/2
International Tel. & Tel.	73 1/2	73 1/2
Johns-Manville	125 1/2	125 1/2
Kennecott Copper	49 1/2	49 1/2
Kaiser Steel	34 1/2	34 1/2
Kroger Grocery	83 1/2	83 1/2
Lambert	106 1/2	106 1/2
Liggett & Myers "B"	110 1/2	110 1/2
Ludlum Steel	83 1/2	83 1/2
Mac Trucks	80 1/2	80 1/2
Missouri Pacific	90 1/2	90 1/2
Montgomery Ward	48 1/2	48 1/2
Nevada Consolidated Copper	22 1/2	22 1/2
New York Central	170 1/2	170 1/2
Northern Pacific Railway	88 1/2	88 1/2
Pacific Lighting	102 1/2	102 1/2
Packard Motor Car	208 1/2	208 1/2
Paramount Famous Lasky	73 1/2	73 1/2
Pennsylvania Railroad	81 1/2	81 1/2
Pennrod Corporation	144 1/2	144 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2	39 1/2
Public Service of N. Jersey	110 1/2	110 1/2
Radio Corporation	97 1/2	97 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	63 1/2	63 1/2
Sears Roebuck	91 1/2	91 1/2
Shell Union	24 1/2	24 1/2
Shimoda Company	49 1/2	49 1/2
Southern California Edison	68 1/2	68 1/2
Southern Pacific Railway	32 1/2	32 1/2
Standard Gas & Electric	124 1/2	124 1/2
Standard Oil of New York	78 1/2	78 1/2
Standard Oil of New York	80 1/2	80 1/2
Texas Corporation	67 1/2	67 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	68 1/2	68 1/2
Union Pacific	92 1/2	92 1/2
Union Carbide & Carbon	100 1/2	100 1/2
United Aircraft & Transport	88 1/2	88 1/2
United Dry Goods	61 1/2	61 1/2
U.S. Rubber	32 1/2	32 1/2
U.S. Steel	132 1/2	132 1/2
Vanderbilt	138 1/2	138 1/2
Westinghouse E. & M.	195 1/2	195 1/2
Woolworth	66 1/2	66 1/2

CURRENCY QUESTION AGAIN.

MORE PROTESTS FROM THE CHINESE.

At the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday, letters were read from the Firewood Dealers' Guild and the Fish Dealers Guild to the effect that the employment of the silver dollar in Hong Kong is causing them a heavy loss in exchange.

Both Guilds complain that their suppliers in China insist on payment in banknotes, whereas their customers in Hong Kong, particularly in the fish trade, which is wholly retail, pay in silver dollars. The loss per dollar, representing the premium on notes over silver, is about 3 per cent. The Guilds ask if the Chamber of Commerce could help them in any way.

The Chairman said that he would pass the matter on to the Silver Currency Commission, and he hoped that the work of that Commission would soon be completed, when they would know exactly where they stood.

RUBBER MARKET.

We have received from Messrs. Pentreath & Co., the following report issued by Messrs. Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool, under date, March 26:—

Rubber.

The market has been steady during the week under review, but there has been very little increased interest on the part of consumers, although, at the time of writing, a slightly better enquiry is to hand from America.

There is no new special feature calling for comment, but there is perhaps some evidence of returning confidence, and it is hoped that the period of cheap money now in force will lead to increased activity.

It is now a foregone conclusion that the tapping holiday in May will be almost universally observed, and although the reduction in production will be relatively small, it may have a pronounced sentimental effect on the market should we enter upon a period of large consumption.

A message yesterday from the Dutch East Indies says that no result may be expected from any efforts taken to induce native producers or traders to make a voluntary reduction of production or of exports.

The total automobile production in the U.S.A. and Canada during February is estimated at 258,200 units, compared with 233,477 in January and 497,705 in February last year.

Mail advices from America regarding tyre production in Akron and other tyre centres are of a more encouraging character. A number of factories, especially several of the larger companies, are reported to be increasing their production.

Stocks.—London 88,404 tons, Liverpool 21,137 tons; a total increase of 1,857 tons.

As long as shipments continue at a high level and stocks continue to increase, no material advance seems likely. On the other hand, there seems no reason to look for any serious decline, and we continue to have a favourable opinion of purchases of forward deliveries.

Close London last night.—Spot 7 1/2, April/June 7 1/2, July/Sept. 8 1/2, Oct./Dec. 8 1/2, 1935/36.

Our New York correspondents cable that while offerings from the primary markets are small, arrivals in New York continue heavy and are making buyers delay purchasing.

Close New York last night.—July 16.30c, Sept. 16.70c.

PRESIDENT HOOVER ON ECONOMY.

WARNING TO SENATE.

[UNITED PRESS.]

Washington, April 22.—The Government faces a deficit of from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 during the next fiscal year, President Hoover told Senator Wesley L. Jones of Washington, chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, in a letter made public to-day.

The President warned the committee that the financial situation contained unpleasant possibilities and called its attention to a number of small appropriations, which, he intimated, might well be eliminated.

The need for governmental economy was urgent and immediate, Mr. Hoover said.

"I know that you will agree with me," Mr. Hoover wrote, "there is a cause for real alarm in this situation as we cannot contemplate any such deficit."

WITHIN CALL.

The following ships, expected to arrive in Hong Kong yesterday:—Antung, Teisutan Maru, Clyde Maru, Van Heutsz, Amagisan Maru, Rangoon Maru, Kingyuan, Astral, Sydney Maru, Yefuku Maru, Menado Maru, Tilawa and Kohso Maru.

B.B.C. JOKE THAT FAILED.

ITS FIRST PUBLIC APOLOGY.

THE REEKS!

The Irish laird who insists on the world knowing that he is not a music-hall performer.

The bagpipes, that burst.

How Leonard Henry, the comedian, failed to distinguish between a land-owner and a mountain range.

The resultant correspondence that grew and grew until it was an inch thick.

And how the B.B.C. made its first public apology.

These are some of the ingredients of adventures that have been going on between Savoy Hill and Southern Ireland.

It all centres round Mr. Leonard Henry, the wireless comedian, who told the tale to a representative of the Press.

A Scotch Turn.

"It was like this," he said:—
"Last New Year's Eve I was doing a Scotch variety turn, and, having looked up in an encyclopedia a mountain range called the Macgillycuddy Reeks, in Southern Ireland, I proceeded to say:—

"For this song I have engaged the services of Mr. Macgillycuddy, the owner of the famous Irish Reeks, and the more famous Scottish Brecks, who brings his bagpipes, or strange amalgam of my story, into the studio to-night."

"Then the bagpipes made some weird noises, exploded, and were subsequently, as listeners were told, mended with a puncture outfit."

So far, so good. The listeners went to bed on the first day of 1936 in high good humour and very amused.

But there was one listener who was not amused.

He lived at Beaufort, Co. Kerry. And his name was Lieut.-Col. Ross Kinloch Macgillycuddy, D.S.O. of the Reeks, County Kerry. He was the actual Macgillycuddy himself.

So, as Leonard Henry told the reporter, there ensued a correspondence.

The correspondence went on for three months. The file is now over an inch thick.

Apology Demanded.

The colonel, protesting against his alleged representation as a music-hall turn, demanded apology. The B.B.C. replied that Macgillycuddy Reeks was certainly a place—vide the encyclopedia. But they said:—

"If the colonel believes that after all this time any member of the public has so recorded in his mind this particular incident as to have it clearly implanted that the colonel was appearing as a comedian, we believe that with all respect to the gentleman in question, it should be pointed out that he is taking an inappropriate view of the incident."

But the colonel persisted. Through his solicitors he wrote, and he wrote:—

"Deep Regrets."

They did it last month. It was the first time they had ever apologised over the ether to anybody, and this is what they said:—
"The Macgillycuddy of the Reeks was mentioned by Mr. Leonard Henry in a humorous entertainment broadcast on December 31 last and previously."

"This is the name of the Macgillycuddy of the Reeks, D.S.O., of Beaufort, Co. Kerry, Ireland, who states that he has never appeared or contemplated appearing before the public for their amusement, nor authorised the use of his name in entertainments."

"The B.B.C. and Mr. Leonard Henry deeply regret that the name of the Macgillycuddy was mentioned on the occasion referred to, and that any representations were then made in regard to him which may have given offence; they take this opportunity to express their sincere apology for any annoyance caused to him, and undertake not knowingly to allow any repetition of the subject matter of complaint."

And, what is more, to convince the colonel they really did apologise, the officials, as soon as the announcer had read the apology, there and then swore an affidavit that it had been truly and fully broadcast.

A lion has been terrorising the district of Cahors, one of the French towns that suffered in the recent floods. A farmer and a friend were gathering wood when they came unexpectedly face to face with a full-grown lion. The couple ran off, followed by the animal, which, however, took to the woods again. Gendarmes were informed, and the lion was shot by a hunter in the neighbourhood of Cahors. Everybody is either keeping indoors or going about armed. It was believed that the lion must have escaped from a menagerie during the floods.

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TJISONDARI	S'HAL & AMOT	In Port	29th Apr, Noon	MANILA, M'sal. & SOERABAYA
TJILEBOET	AMOT	4th May	6th May, Noon	BATAVIA
TJIKARANG	S'HAL & AMOT	11th May	13th May, Noon	MANILA, M'sal. & SOERABAYA
TJISALAK	AMOT	18th May	20th May, Noon	BATAVIA

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ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

ALEXANDRIA

Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, May 18.

AMOI

Haiching, Douglas, Apr. 29.
Tijlboet, J.C.J.L., Apr. 29.
Tainan, B. & S., Apr. 30.
Tikarung, J.C.J.L., May 1.
Haiyang, Douglas, May 2.
Kingman, B. & S., May 4.
Tayuan, B. & S., May 7.
Yuenang, Jardine's, May 10.
Anking, B. & S., May 11.
Tjialak, J.C.J.L., May 12.
Takada, B.I., May 13.
Tjihadak, J.C.J.L., May 15.
Kumsang, Jardine's, May 17.

ANTWERP

Calchas, B.F., Apr. 29.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., May 3.
Kashgar, P. & O., May 10.
Malaya, Manners, May 15.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., May 17.
Nagapore, P. & O., May 17.
Perseus, B.F., May 26.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Nellere, F. & A., May 2.
Taiping, B. & S., May 20.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., May 20.

BAITIO PORTS

Malaya, Manners, May 15.

BALTIMORE

Lindenbank, Bank, May 9.

BANGKOK

Kwangtung, B. & S., Apr. 29.
Chinhua, B. & S., May 2.
Hirundo, Thoresen, May 4.
Kwangchow, B. & S., May 4.
Hiram, Thoresen, May 11.
Kalgan, B. & S., May 11.
Hellas, Thoresen, May 15.

BELAWAN DELI

Derfingler, Melchers, May 3.
Van Heutsz, J.C.J.L., May 3.
Renschel, Melchers, May 13.

BOMBAY

Kidderpore, P. & O., May 21.
Mantua, P. & O., May 24.

BOSTON

Tsuyama Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.
Malayan Prince, Furness, May 7.
Lindenbank, Bank, May 9.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, May 18.
Tayuan, D'well's, May 19.
Royal Prince, Furness, May 22.

BREMEN

Derfingler, Melchers, May 3.
Renschel, Melchers, May 13.
Isar, Melchers, May 25.

BRINDISI

Venezia, Dodwell's, May 11.
Himalaya, Dodwell's, May 24.

CALCUTTA

Penang Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 29.
Shirala, B.I., Apr. 30.
Takliwa, B.I., May 8.
Kutsang, Jardine's, May 9.
Hosang, Jardine's, May 15.
Suisang, Jardine's, May 17.
Tilawa, B.I., May 25.

CEBU

Golden Peak, S.S.S., May 2.
Illinois, S.S.S., May 3.

CHEFOO

Huichow, B. & S., May 6.

COLOMBO

Delhi, Gilman's, May 2.
Beltana, P. & O., May 3.
Derfingler, Melchers, May 3.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., May 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.
Angers, M.M., May 6.
Kashgar, P. & O., May 10.
Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 10.
Venezia, Dodwell's, May 11.
Renschel, Melchers, May 13.
Patroclus, B.F., May 14.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, May 16.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., May 17.
Nagapore, P. & O., May 17.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, May 18.
Sphinx, M.M., May 20.
Kidderpore, P. & O., May 21.
Himalaya, Dodwell's, May 24.
Mantua, P. & O., May 24.
Isar, Melchers, May 25.

COPENHAGEN

Malaya, Manners, May 15.

DALNY

Antenor, B.F., May 2.
Luchow, B. & S., May 4.

DUTCH PORTS

Calchas, B.F., Apr. 29.
Derfingler, Melchers, May 3.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., May 3.
City of Norwich, Bank, May 7.
Tacoma Star, D'well's, May 8.
Renschel, Melchers, May 13.
Patroclus, B.F., May 14.
Malaya, Manners, May 15.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, May 16.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., May 17.
Nagapore, P. & O., May 17.
Saarlund, Jensen, May 17.
Isar, Melchers, May 25.

FOUCHOW

Haiching, Douglas, Apr. 29.
Haiyang, Douglas, May 2.
Chipping, Jardine's, May 6.
Huichow, B. & S., May 6.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, May 20.

GENOA

Delhi, Gilman's, May 2.
Derfingler, Melchers, May 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.
Takada, B.I., May 11.
Venezia, Dodwell's, May 11.
Renschel, Melchers, May 13.
Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Saarlund, Jensen, May 17.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, May 18.
Idomeneus, B.F., May 23.
Isar, Melchers, May 25.

GLASGOW

Patroclus, B.F., May 14.
Idomeneus, B.F., May 23.

GOTHENBURG

Malaya, Manners, May 19.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW

Kwangtung, B. & S., Apr. 29.
Chinhua, B. & S., May 2.

HAMBURG

Calchas, B.F., Apr. 29.
Derfingler, Melchers, May 3.
City of Norwich, Bank, May 7.
Tacoma Star, D'well's, May 8.
Renschel, Melchers, May 13.
Malaya, Manners, May 15.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, May 16.
Saarlund, Jensen, May 17.
Isar, Melchers, May 25.
Perseus, B.F., May 26.

HAYEE

City of Norwich, Bank, May 7.
Idomeneus, B.F., May 23.

HONOLULU

Asama Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Heiyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 11.

ILOILO

Golden Peak, S.S.S., May 2.
Illinois, S.S.S., May 3.

JAPAN PORTS

Ammon, Jensen, Apr. 29.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Apr. 29.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Apr. 30.
Japan, Gilman's, Apr. 30.
Sado Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 30.
Vimaline, D'well's, Apr. 30.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Tilawa, B.I., May 1.
Heiyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Saarlund, Jensen, May 4/5.
General Metzinger, M.M., May 6.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 6.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, May 6.
Hindenburg, Jensen, May 9.
Khiva, P. & O., May 9.
Lahore, P. & O., May 9.
Tyndareus, B.F., May 10.
Yuenang, Jardine's, May 10.
Alipore, P. & O., May 11.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 11.
Phemius, B.F., May 12.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 13.
Takada, B.I., May 13.
Havelland, Jensen, May 14.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., May 15.
Aller, Melchers, May 17.
Fusiyama, Jardine's, May 17.
Kumsang, Jardine's, May 17.
Tanda, E. & A., May 17.
Tayuan, D'well's, May 18.
Andre Lebon, M.M., May 20.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., May 20.
Glenogie, Jardine's, May 23.
Danmark, Manners, May 23.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, May 27.
Protosilaus, B.F., May 29.

KASHIMA

Tjihadak, J.C.J.L., Apr. 29.
Tjilboet, J.C.J.L., May 6.
Tjilkrang, J.C.J.L., May 13.
Tjilalak, J.C.J.L., May 20.

KIDDERPORE

Tacoma Star, D'well's, May 8.
Takada, B.I., May 11.
Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
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LOS ANGELES

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Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 6.
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MANILA

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Calchas, B.F., Apr. 29.
Derfingler, Melchers, May 3.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., May 3.
City of Norwich, Bank, May 7.
Tacoma Star, D'well's, May 8.
Kashgar, P. & O., May 10.
Venezia, Dodwell's, May 11.
Patroclus, B.F., May 14.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, May 16.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., May 17.
Nagapore, P. & O., May 17.
Saarlund, Jensen, May 17.
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MARSEILLES

Calchas, B.F., Apr. 29.
Beltana, P. & O., May 3.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., May 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.
Angers, M.M., May 6.
Kashgar, P. & O., May 10.
Takada, B.I., May 11.
Renschel, Melchers, May 13.
Patroclus, B.F., May 14.
Malaya, Manners, May 15.
Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., May 17.
Nagapore, P. & O., May 17.
Saarlund, Jensen, May 17.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, May 18.
Sphinx, M.M., May 20.
Mantua, P. & O., May 24.
Isar, Melchers, May 25.
Perseus, B.F., May 26.

NAPLES

Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., May 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., May 17.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, May 18.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Tsuyama Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.
Malayan Prince, Furness, May 7.
Lindenbank, Bank, May 9.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, May 18.
Tayuan, D'well's, May 19.
Royal Prince, Furness, May 22.

NEWCHWANG

Luchow, B. & S., May 4.

OSLO

Malaya, Manners, May 15.

PANAMA

Tsuyama Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Heiyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.

PENANG

Penang Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 29.
Shirala, B.I., Apr. 30.
Delhi, Gilman's, May 2.
Beltana, P. & O., May 3.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., May 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, May 4.
Tacoma Star, D'well's, May 8.
Takliwa, B.I., May 8.
Van Heutsz, J.C.J.L., May 8.
Kutsang, Jardine's, May 9.
Kashgar, P. & O., May 10.
Renschel, Melchers, May 13.
Hosang, Jardine's, May 15.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., May 17.
Nagapore, P. & O., May 17.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, May 18.
Suisang, Jardine's, May 19.
Kidderpore, P. & O., May 21.
Mantua, P. & O., May 24.
Tilawa, B.I., May 25.

PORTLAND

Golden Sun, S.S.S., May 3.
Bolivier, Bank, May 13.

RABAU

Derfingler, Melchers, about end of May.

RANGOON

Penang Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 29.

SAIGON

Angers, M.M., May 6.
Sphinx, M.M., May 20.

SANDAKAN

Hinsang, Jardine's, Apr. 30.
Nellere, E. & A., May 2.
Mausang, Jardine's, May 10.

SAN FRANCISCO

Asama Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 6.
Everett, S.S.S., May 10.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 11.
Tayuan, D'well's, May 19.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., May 20.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS

Malaya, Manners, May 15.

SEATTLE

Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Apr. 29.
Tyndareus, B.F., May 10.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 13.
Bolivier, Bank, May 13.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, May 27.
Protosilaus, B.F., May 29.

SHANGHAI

Ammon, Jensen, Apr. 29.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Apr. 29.
Sunning, B. & S., Apr. 29.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Apr. 30.
Hopsang, Jardine's, Apr. 30.
Japan, Gilman's, Apr. 30.
Sado Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 30.
Tainan, B. & S., Apr. 30.
Vimaline, D'well's, Apr. 30.
Asama Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Taming, B. & S., May 1.
Tilawa, B.I., May 1.
Tjilkrang, J.C.J.L., May 1.
Antenor, B.F., May 2.
Hangsang, Jardine's, May 4.
Luchow, B. & S., May 4.
Suiyang, B. & S., May 4.
Saarlund, Jensen, May 4/5.
General Metzinger, M.M., May 6.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., May 6.
Shantung, B. & S., May 6.
Tayuan, B. & S., May 7.
Yatsing, Jardine's, May 9.
Hindenburg, Jensen, May 9.
Lahore, P. & O., May 9.

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Hindenburg, Jensen, May 9.
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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 1st May	10 a.m.
HONGKONG & BANGKOK	"CHINCHUA"	On 2nd May	10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 4th May	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI, NINGPO & DALNY	"LUOCHOW"	On 4th May	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUICING"	On 4th May	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGHONG"	On 4th May	3 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 6th May	10 a.m.
CHONGKING, TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 6th May	11 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 7th May	3 p.m.
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APRIL 27, 1930.												APRIL 28, 1930.											
STATION	Hour	BAROMETER AT SEA [LATITUDE]		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND		WAVELENGTH (MILES)	WAVELENGTH (MILES)	Home Kite Pressure Time	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND		WAVELENGTH (MILES)						
		Inches	Milli.			Direction	Force (Miles- Per Hour)				Inches	Milli.			Direction	Force (Miles- Per Hour)							
Wladivostok ...	12	30.14	785.6	48	...	ESE	4	o	...	6	30.19	766.9	44	...	SE	1	o						
Nemuro	11	29.88	758.0	...	...	SSE	2	...	...	5	30.20	767.0	...	...	NNW	1	...						
Hokodate	"	30.10	764.5	...	...	W	...	...	...	...	30.28	769.0	...	...	W	1	...						
Tokio	"	30.22	767.3	...	...	ENE	1	...	...	...	30.38	771.5	...	...	...	0	...						
Kochi	"	30.10	764.5	...	...	E	1	...	...	...	30.29	767.5	...	...	WSW	1	...						
Nagasaki	"	30.04	763.0	...	...	ESE	2	...	...	...	29.93	761.5	...	...	ENE	1	...						
Kagoshima	"	30.04	763.0	...	...	NE	1	...	...	...	30.00	762.0	...	...	NE	2	...						
Oshima	"	29.92	760.0	...	...	NNE	1	...	...	...	29.94	760.5	...	...	S	1	...						
Naha	"	29.92	760.0	...	...	N	1	...	...	...	29.94	760.5	...	...	SE	1	...						
Ishigakijima	"	29.92	760.0	...	...	E	1	...	...	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	S	1	...						
Bonin Island	"	30.02	762.5	...	...	S	1	...	...	...	30.12	765.0	...	...	NE	1	...						
Chefoo	15	30.05	763.2	58	70	NE	1	...	...	6	30.06	763.5	50	98	NE	1	...						
Shanghai	14	29.95	760.8	63	80	ESE	4	...	...	...	29.85	758.1	59	96	SE	1	...						
Gutzlaff	"	29.99	761.7	58	94	SE	4	...	...	...	29.89	759.2	58	100	SE	4	...						
Kamen	"	29.95	760.8	63	80	SSE	1	b	7	...	29.89	759.3	63	94	SSW	1	...						
Sharp Peak	"	29.92	759.9	67	89	N	1	o	6	...	29.89	759.2	66	94	...	0	...						
Amoy	"	29.87	758.7	69	80	NE	4	...	...	...	29.86	758.4	67	95	E	2	...						
Swatow	11	29.83	757.7	70	95	ENE	2	o	5	...	29.83	757.7	67	95	NE	1	...						
Taihou	"	29.91	759.9	79	69	ENE	4	...	...	...	29.87	758.7	68	96	...	0	...						
Taiichu	"	29.92	759.9	84	...	...	2	b	...	...	29.89	759.3	72	...	...	0	...						
Tainan	"	29.88	759.0	86	...	WNW	2	b	...	...	29.87	758.7	72	...	...	0	...						
Koshun	"	29.87	756.7	88	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	29.86	758.4	75	...	NE	0	...						
Pescadores	14	29.92	759.9	75	...	NNW	4	...	...	6	29.86	758.4	72	...	ENE	2	...						
Hong Kong	"	29.80	756.9	73	90	ENE	4	or	...	...	29.81	757.2	73	95	NE	2	om						
Gap Rock	"	29.81	756.2	77	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	29.80	756.9	78	...	ESB	4	o						
Macao	"	29.74	754.7	73	98	SE	4	r	...	...	29.79	756.6	73	99	SE	4	o						
Hoihow	"	29.65	753.0	94	69	SE	2	b	...	7	29.62	757.4	78	90	ESE	2	b						
Pratas Island	15	29.81	757.2	81	82	ESE	4	...	...	...	29.73	755.1	77	91	SE	4	rt						
Phu Lien	"	29.69	753.6	81	84	S	4	of	...	...	29.69	754.2	73	...	SSE	6	b						
Tourane	"	29.65	753.0	82	...	SSE	4	...	...	...	29.79	756.6	77	...	ENE	2	b						
Cape St. James	14	29.74	755.4	90	...	SE	2	...	...	6	29.82	757.5	79	95	SE	2	b						
Basco	"	29.80	756.9	82	74	SE	2	o	...	...	29.82	757.5	79	95	SE	2	b						
Aparri	"	29.75	755.7	80	60	NE	4	b	...	...	29.82	757.5	75	79	SE	2	b						
Tuguegarao	"	29.71	754.5	96	41	S	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
Vigan	"	29.72	754.8	90	51	WSW	4	b	...	...	29.81	757.2	77	85	SE	1	o						
Manila	"	29.72	754.8	93	46	SE	4	...	...	...	29.81	757.2	79	96	NE	4	o						
Legaspi	"	29.75	755.7	84	89	ENE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
Calboyog	"	29.74	755.4	81	89	NNE	2	r	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
Tacloban	"	29.73	755.1	66	62	S	4	...	...	...	29.79	756.6	79	91	NE	2	o						
Iloilo	"	29.71	764.5	90	60	NE	6	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
Cebu	"	29.72	754.8	86	58	NE	4	...	...	...	29.79	756.6	75	94	...	0	...						
Surigao	"	29.72	754.8	86	75	N	2	o	...	5	29.79	756.6	75	94	...	0	...						
Saipan	12.22	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4.22	...	29.80	756.9	...	...	NE	4	o						
Guam	11.00	29.76	766.0	...	...	ENE	4	...	5	...	29.81	757.2	...	...	ENE	4	o						
Yap	"	29.75	755.7	...	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
Pelew	"	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
Labuan	14	29.80	756.9	90	96	S	4	b	...	6	29.83	757.7	80	91	S	7	b						

April 28d. 11A. 15m.—The anticyclone is now central to the north of Tokio, it has strengthened slightly. A shallow depression remains over Indo-China. There are indications of a depression approaching Shanghai from the westward.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inch. Total since January 1, 1929 inches, against an average of 11.14 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON APRIL 29.

- 1.—Formosa Channel ... Light variable winds.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocka ... S.E. or variable winds, light to moderate; generally cloudy.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ...
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ...

B. D. EVANS, First Assistant.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, April 28.

Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Direction	Force	rather	OD	OM	H	B	in	0.17	0.0	0.2
29.78	29.87	29.94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Highest open-air Temperature, 27.73.
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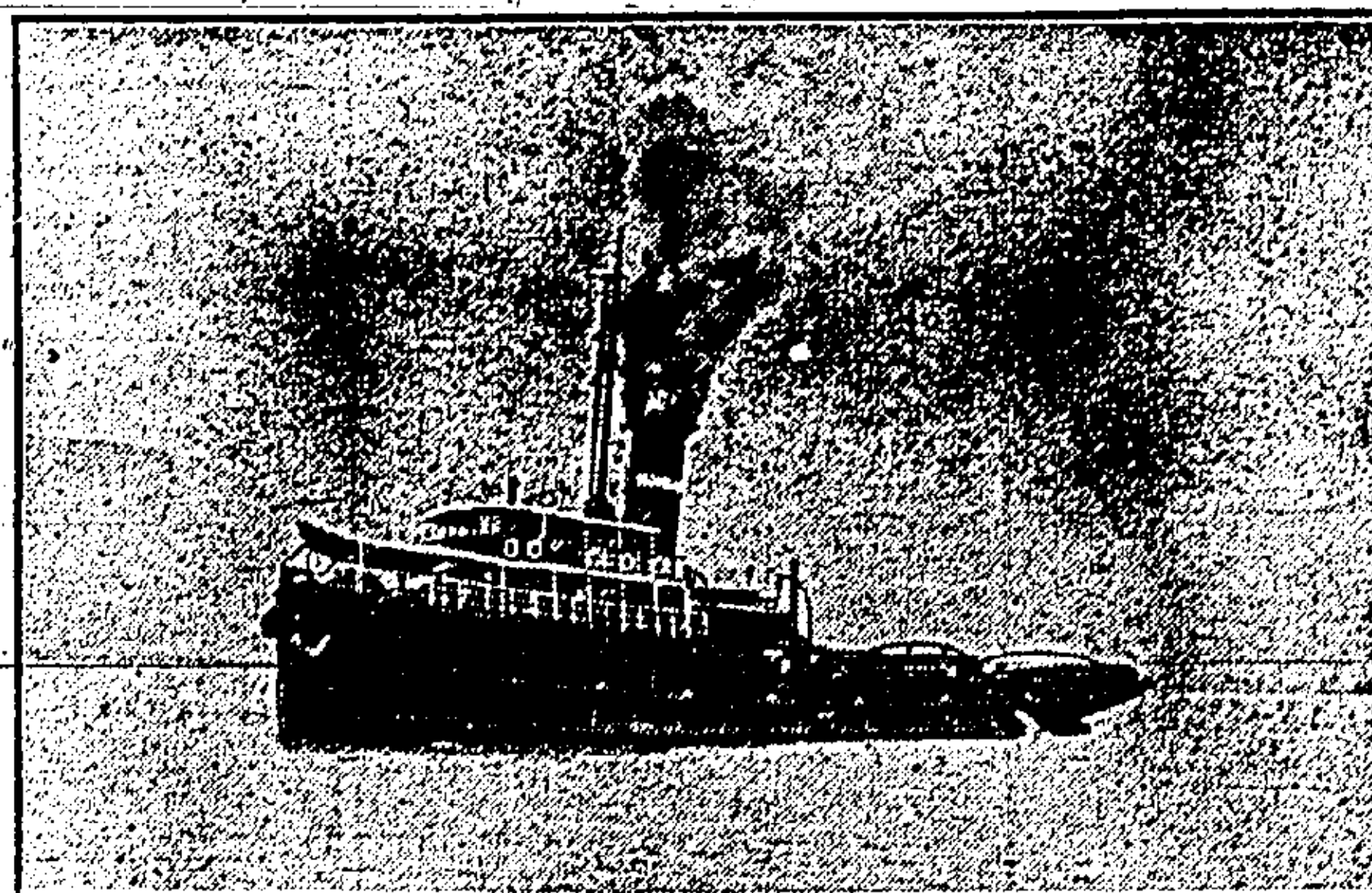
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OSAKA via AMOI, SHANGHAI, MOI & KOBE	"YUENSANG" "KUMSANG"	Satur., 10th May, at 7 a.m. Satur., 17th May, at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KITSANG" "HOSANG"	Fri., 9th May, at 3 p.m. Thurs., 16th May, at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE & PENANG	"SUISANG"	Mon., 19th May, at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG" "MAUSANG"	Wed., 30th Apr., at 3 p.m. Satur., 10th May, at 3 p.m.
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